

Call for Architect Design Collaboration - China

Macerata and Taicang established sister city relationship since 2016. The cities are very active in multiple sectors and have since collaborated in many projects. In December, 2018, the cities signed memorandum of partnership, nominating ViaSoccer to organize the exchange programs, including architecture and city sustainability development.

In early February of 2023, Taicang government approached ViaSoccer for a project of renovation for a 5-star hotel resort. The property is owned by the government and has been in operations for about a decade. It consists of a main hotel building, multiple European style villas (like regular villa here for tourists) and spa and event space. It's located outside of the city in the village and is not performing well to attract enough tourists. The government wants to promote the resort as a romantic place of love, with its rose gardens and European style architecture. It wants to attract people to stay there for special life events such as anniversaries, wedding, engagement etc. and visit Taicang at the same time to promote local tourism.

ViaSoccer believes this is a good opportunity to involve architects of Macerata area to start collaboration between the cities, and would like to give priority to associations who has already participated in our exchange programs. The project involving the Italian side will be mainly in architect design initially. The renovation will require Italian architect team to:

1. Communicate efficiently in English & Use modern software: Sketch up and Auto CAD
2. Work in fast speed
3. Experienced in design of traditional European style buildings
4. Outdoor landscaping experience
5. Lighting design
6. Accessories structures (for example for wedding ceremony, such as stairs for photoshooting etc.)

What to expect:

This project is owned by the Taicang city government and bidding/award process must follow the Chinese procedures. There will be a leading Chinese architect partner company to interface with the government (e.g. for proposal bidding process). The Italian architect team will collaborate with the Chinese architect company. During the first month, we expect the Italian architects to collaborate with Chinese company on high-level visual design, then the Chinese company will propose the plan to the government. After that there will be a period of modification based on client's feedback. There will be no payment for that initial process because the government opens bid to multiple companies.

If and after the project plan is accepted by the government, the winning team will be awarded budget. The Italian team will work with Chinese partner to implement the project. The parties will have their own contract. Then, we expect the speed will be very fast and the team needs to work highly efficient.

What next?

We require architect firms with above qualification to confirm interest by Feb. 17 through email to ssu@viasoccer.co Please include a brief introduction of your company and leading architects and their brief background info. If no company in Macerata province confirms by the deadline, we will extend the invitation to other regions.

Here are the pictures of the property:



We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sue X. Su

President, ViaSoccer LLC