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Dear Mrs. Fang Jian:

In a recent exhibition of designs for the new China Tower located in Hamburg, I got to know Mr. Thomas Kiefer and Mr. Ulf Ludzuweit. We had a very good discussion about the place and the ideas of the drafts and designs of some Chinese students of the Tongji University of Shanghai.

Because we are working for some time already in the field of urban landscapes and the conversion of former port areas in metropolitian regions, the port of Harburg is a much discussed spatial topic in our work. Since the subject of the exhibits have been located in this area and addressed the topic of culture as a major factor in the conversion process of such places, there was a lot to talk about.

Our research institute parklab - a institute of the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg under the direction of Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Pietsch - is organising together with two other institutes of the Technical University a series of research projects under the topic "city at waters". Currently we are planning the first projects. Accordingly to our overall approach and interest as mentioned above our projects will aim at urban landscapes in port areas and the process of conversion from harbour areas to centers of urban live discussed in a integrated approach.

As the European planning community focuses very much on the development of the asian cities at the moment, we are most interested in the integration of knowledge and experience of asian planners and architects as well as doing some parts of our research in these cities. The upcoming EXPO 2010 in Shanghai adds a lot to this charme.

Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Ludzuweit were so kind to pass on your email address for further information in this behalf. We would be very happy if we could approach you for information and cooperation to this subject. Maybe even at a planned visit in Shanghai in the midth of september.

Sincerely,

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