

MPPAT (Master Plan for Public Administration Town)

SEJONG, KOREA



Balmori Associates designed South Korea's future Public Administration Town to be a city of optimism, where one could sense a spirit of harmony and equality. The creation of a new city is an opportunity to bring cultural ideas and beliefs together with the environment to celebrate the new spirit of Korea in the 21st century. To achieve this end, Balmori and Haeahn Architecture proposed three interconnected urban strategies, which we call Flat City, Link City and Zero City.

FLAT CITY : Represents equality. The iconic plane--the physical and conceptual datum of aligned building rooftops--symbolizes the unity and democratic nature of the people and the government working together. Public life flows between the street and this upper plane; the lives of the citizens play out both on the ground and in the sky. Perched above the Iconic Plane with an expansive view of the cityscape and beyond, every citizen can feel part of a larger harmonious whole.

LINK CITY : A unique system of physical and visual passages and linkages between the government and the people, the urban and the natural, the ground and the sky, allowing free movement from one realm to the other. There are few barriers in the Link City and this enhanced communication can contribute to a more adaptable and efficient society.

ZERO CITY : Means zero waste. In nature all waste from one system becomes the food for another. Zero City emulates nature's efficiency. There are four independent but interconnected infrastructure systems to help reuse waste and reduce pollution while taking care of essential city functions. In integrating the environment and the cycles and systems of nature, Zero City works with Flat City and Link City to provide for the future.

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Multi-functional
Administrative City
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SIZE

2,700,000M2

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Competition Won 2007
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COST

Masterplan
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