2022 Belt and Road International Student Competition on Digital Architectural Design Report

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With the aim to promote the academic and cultural exchanges among university students from various countries, and to cultivate the scientific and technological innovation spirit and practical abilities of university students, Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (BUCEA) organized the 2022 Belt and Road International Student Competition on Digital Architectural Design.

The competition was co-organized by China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, China Silk Road Group Ltd. and Beijing International Peace Culture Foundation, and supported by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), G-global International Secretariat, International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), Silk Road International Foundation, Beijing Peace Garden Museum, and China Railway Design Corporation.



With the theme "Railway: A New Bond Along the Silk Road", the Competition was devoted to cultivating students' digitalization-based thinking that explores how to preserve the historical features of railways and cities, improve overall quality, and achieve sustainable development along the Silk Road. Urban renewal, architectural heritage protection, environmental monitoring, and other topics related to the railways are included in the Competition. Participants were encouraged to use computer-assisted technology, virtual reality, digital twins, geographic information system, remote sensing technology, and other new technologies to contribute works under three topics: Architectural Design, Structural Design and Scene Modelling and

Visualization.

The competition attracted more than 100 submissions from 650 teachers and students from 45 universities in 11 countries. A total of 24 experts from 10 countries formed the jury. After carefully reviewing, one 1st prize, two 2nd prizes, and seven 3rd prizes were selected for each topic. Certification, prize money and medals were presented in the on-line ceremony, held on 11 November 2022.

The competition has been organized annually since 2017. The organizers are very pleased that the number of participants and the quality of works have continuously improved, and thank all participants for their dedicated input.

The 1st prize winners for each category are:



The 1st prize for Architectural Design, by St. Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Russia



The 1st prize for Structural Design, by Anhui Jianzhu University, China



The 1st prize for Scene Modelling and Visualization, by BUCEA, China