Branksome Hall Asia
at Jeju Global Education City
Jeju Island, South Korea
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This project is about envisioning an integrated living-learning campus which is innovative yet respectful of the culture and character of the site. The campus is seen as ‘Sculptures in the Landscape’, an inspirational ‘landscape for learning’, reflecting the ethos and heritage of Branksome Hall with a strong sense of place.
1. Branksome Central
1a  Entry Forecourt
1b  Center for Learning
1c  Administration/Professional Development Center
1d  Welcome Garden
1e  BHA Plaza
1f  Sunken Garden
1g  Sa:m Center

2. BHA Arts Center

3. Learning Pods
3a. Middle Pod
3b. Lower Junior Pod
3c. Upper Junior Pod

4. Living Forest

5. Wellness Center
5a. Café, Dining and Sports Hall
5b. Ice Arena
5c. Aquatic Center

6. Student Residences
Junior Residences:
6a. Ainslie House
6b. McNeill House
Senior Residences:
6c. Bondar House
6d. Lockhart House

7. Outdoor Sports Facilities
7a. Sports Fields
7b. Tennis Academy
7c. Golf Academy
COMMUNITY

Strong culture of care and Community
Creating an appropriately-scaled living-learning environment reflecting the strong culture of care and community in Branksome Hall was an important design criteria. Individual 3-storey Learning Pods (each designed for a learning community of about 250 students) with modular learning spaces organized around a central atrium, provide a learning environment which reflect the school’s ethos of openness, collegiality and collaboration.
Strong culture of care and Community
Careful consideration has been given especially to the planning of the student residences to ensure the wellbeing of the students as well as to foster a strong sense of belonging and community. Different room configurations (e.g., single-room, two-bedder and Home unit) are designed to cater to specific needs of different age groups. Each student resident block has a central ‘Living Room’, a skylit mini atrium forming its ‘social heart’, fostering interaction and community.
An open and welcoming campus

The school believes in having an open campus, with its grounds accessible to its surrounding community. The design utilizes the natural topography of the site and landscaping to integrate the campus with its surroundings without compromising on student safety and security. Even though the school campus is split into 2 plots by a public pedestrian street, the undulating site terrain enabled an elevated link i.e., The Campus Walk to seamlessly connect both plots of the school into an integrated living-learning campus. BHA believes that ‘schools need to operate within the context of the local community, its needs and cultures and be a place of invitation and inclusion’. The site planning and design is guided by this belief and the open, spacious and welcoming landmark campus reflect this philosophy,
**Innovation in Learning and Teaching**

The vision of Branksome Hall is to develop ‘globally-minded learners and leaders’. The educational brief calls for an innovative campus environment which can support new learning – one which is flexible and ‘future proofed in terms of adapting spaces, technologies and learning methods’. We imagine the new BHA campus as an elegant, dignified learning environment with a rich blend of building functions, linking living-learning spaces to encourage encounters, connection and communication. The learning environment consists of intimate ‘instructional neighbourhoods’ (with multi functionality of facility) in a green setting which encourages curiosity, nurtures creativity and celebrates the diversity of its students.

**LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
The ‘STEM’ Centre
The STEM Centre (Centre for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is a central multi-disciplinary learning zone (consisting of laboratories, think tanks, seminar rooms etc with direct access to eco-gardens and courtyards), designed to support the school’s inter-disciplinary approach to learning. It is a vibrant learning hub enlivened by continuous circulation with its strategic location directly below the Campus Plaza at the campus centre.
The ‘BHA Learning Centre’
The library spaces (for junior and senior schools) are planned as an integrated Centre for Learning with a variety of learning spaces including seminar and training rooms, activity pod, amphitheatre, 24/7 quiet reading room etc. It is also strategically located adjacent to the Professional Development facilities to achieve added programmatic synergies and maximum flexibility.
Context, Culture and Climate

The brief called for a design which relates sensitively to its ‘Context, Culture and Climate’, a campus which captures a ‘warm sense of Homeliness, in Harmony with Nature and which reflects a Holistic approach to Education. The project should also incorporate themes of ‘Wind, Rock and Women’, derived from Jeju Island history and culture.

We imagine the campus to be ‘A Landscape for Learning’, an environment which reflects integration of buildings with landscape – a unique composition of distinctive (and nature-inspired) forms inter-connected by ‘fluid’ circulation pathways set in lush native landscape. The campus is open and permeable (allowing abundant natural daylighting into the various spaces on campus, and the possibility of natural ventilation where appropriate) with strong connections to the outdoors. The building adopts a palette of natural materials with extensive use of timber and the local volcanic rock. Various strategies are in place to meet the project’s long term sustainability goals.
An Exemplary Sustainable Campus
The scheme aims to achieve a climate-responsive, ecologically-sensitive design. Key strategies include:

1. Building Orientation - The main living and learning spaces are oriented in the north-south direction, to optimise daylighting and minimize solar heat gain.

2. Heat Recovery System - The Ice Rink is strategically planned next to the Aquatic Centre to facilitate the implementation of the heat recovery system. Heat generated in Ice Rink can be used to heat the indoor swimming pool.

3. Rainwater Collection - The roof over the central atrium in each Learning Pod is designed as a ‘rainwater collector’, funnelling rainwater into a storage tank below ground, to be used for irrigation of the eco-gardens and landscaped courtyards.
The planning process was very intensive, carried out over a period of 20 weeks. Various stakeholders including Branksome Hall leadership, parents, students, alumni, industry leaders and specialists, educators etc were actively engaged at different stages of the process. The design went through a series of critical and vigorous reviews (in Singapore, Toronto and Seoul), carefully structured to ensure the best design outcome for this unique school campus.

### PROJECT NAME: Branksome Hall Asia at Jeju Global Education City

#### ACTIVITY

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<td>International Design Competition to select Design Architect</td>
<td>05 July 10 – 04 Aug 10</td>
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<td>- Stakeholder discussions with Principal, Head of Departments, Faculty members, Board Members and Alumni of BH</td>
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<td>- Design discussions with BHA Project team to clarify user requirements (eg housing model options/operational needs etc) and explore concept ideas</td>
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<td>Work session in Seoul, South Korea (BHA, design architect, local architect, JDC)</td>
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<td>- Review of updated master plan, based on feedback and work session with BH in Toronto</td>
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<td>- Review of preliminary concept design ideas</td>
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<td>Development of Concept Design (5 weeks)</td>
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<td>- Sketches, plans and layouts were discussed and reviewed regularly with BHA project director, Peter Kenny (based in Hong Kong) via skype, email and on-site meetings in Singapore</td>
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**PLANNING PROCESS: Engaging the school community**

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| Peer Review of Concept Design in Singapore  
A full-day work session was organized in Singapore, to review the project in detail. The work session comprised of 2 parts:  
- Video conference with the JDC Masterplanner, Itami Jun to explain the design evolution for the project and review the overall concept design of the campus, and its relationship to its context and overall masterplan vision for Jeju Global Education City. The video conference was also attended by local architect and JDC officials in Seoul who provided input and feedback on technical and local compliance issues.  
- A peer review worksession was also conducted in design architect office in Singapore ( attended by BHA project director Peter Kenny, Mary Jane Finlayson, a Branksome Hall alumni and Toronto-based architect invited by BHA, James Daziel and Simon Thomas from United World College, Singapore ). The team went through the project in great depth, with the aim to assist with further development of design. Discussions involved sorting out practical issues of campus operations and design, and suggestions made to help strengthen design concept. | 22 Oct 2010 |
| Work Sessions ( via video conference ) with local team ( architects, engineers, specialists ) based in Seoul, South Korea  
- Technical discussions were carried out with local architect, C&S and MEP engineers, to coordinate structures and services.  
- Discussions with Sustainability Consultant and Ice-Rink specialist were also carried out, to explore sustainability features/options for the project. One idea was to use the structure of the Learning Pods as funnels to collect rainwater, which can be used for irrigation of eco-gardens and landscaped courtyards in the campus. The other idea was the Heat Recovery System – heat generated in the snow-melting process in Ice Arena can be used to heat the indoor swimming pool as well as spectator seats in the Ice Arena. | 23 – 24 Nov 2010 |
| Schematic Design Review by BHA, JDC and local architect, local architect in Singapore  
- Representatives from BHA, JDC and local architect came to Singapore for a 3-day work session, to review and work through the technical and compliance issues for the project | 01-03 Dec 2010 |
| Final Schematic Design Review in Branksome Hall, Toronto  
- Review by Design Review Committee ( consisting of BH Board Members, Principal, BHA Project Director etc )  
- Approval and Sign-off of Schematic Design by BH Board  
- Presentation of approved design to BH Junior School students and faculty  
- Presentation of approved design to BH Senior School students and faculty  
- Presentation of approved design to Parents Group  
- Submission of schematic design drawings to local architect, local architect to carry out design development and tender drawings | 06-08 Dec 2010 |
| Formal presentation of Schematic Design to JDC in Seoul, South Korea  
- Presentation of approved schematic design was carried out in Seoul, to conclude the design process. Meeting attended by BHA Peter Kenny, senior JDC officials, JDC Master Planner and local consultant team | 14 Dec 2010 |
Lower Entry Level Plan
Plan Level: +118
FLOOR PLANS

KEY ELEMENTS
1. Entry Forecourt
2. Welcome Garden
3. Campus Plaza
4. Campus Walk
5. Learning Pods
6. Wellness Centre
7. Student Residences

Entry Level Plan
Plan Level: +121
FLOOR PLANS

Campus Centre
Entry Level Floor Plan: +121

Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
Ground Floor Plan: +124

LEGEND
A  Welcome Garden
B  Centre for Learning (Library)
C  Staff Zone
1  Lobby
2  Information Zone
3  Computer Lounge
4  Event Presentation Pod
5  Story Telling
6  Children’s Reading
7  Class Zone
8  Think Tank
9  Creative Zone
10  Server
11  Storage
12  Working Zone (Book)
13  Pantry
14  Office
15  Check / Info.
16  Staff Rest
17  Female Toilet
18  Male Toilet
19  Reception
20  Meeting Room
21  File Storage

LEGEND
1  Main Lobby
2  Cloak
3  Male Toilet
4  Female Toilet
5  Black Box
6  Instrument Store
7  Rehearsal
8  Dimmer Room
9  Store
10  Orchestra Pit
11  Stage
FLOOR PLANS

LEGEND

1. Lobby
2. Changing Room / Toilet / Lockers
3. Tele Comm. Room
4. Team
5. Locker / Shower
6. Pro Staff
7. Ice Rink
8. Rental Shop
9. Service Drop-Off
10. Service Lift
11. Bin
12. Snow Pit
13. Resurface Machine Room
14. Machine Room
15. M & E
16. Electric Shaft
17. Shower / Toilet
18. Pool Lobby
19. Changing Toilet
20. Ice Rink Lobby
21. Lockers
22. Store
23. Coach Room
24. Equipment Room
25. Pool Dry Side Training
26. Admin / Medical Centre
27. Yoga
28. PE Training
29. Club Room
30. Kitchen
31. Fitness
32. AV Control
33. Meeting Room
34. Cafe
35. Toilet
36. Canteen
37. Outdoor Deck
38. Sport Hall

Sports and Wellness Centre
Lower Ground Floor Plan: +114
FLOOR PLANS

Junior Residence: Typical Floor Plan

Senior Residence: Typical Floor Plan

LEGEND

1  Student Room
2  House Parent’s Apartment
3  Pantry
4  Lounge - ‘The Living Room’
FLOOR PLANS

Middle Pod Plan
1st Floor Plan Level: +125

Section: Campus Walkway
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The Library is strategically located at the Campus Centre and designed to be an active, interactive learning space with a variety of different settings to provide a rich array of learning experiences.
The Campus Plaza

The Campus Plaza is strategically located next to the Campus Centre, accessible directly from the Welcome Garden. It is a ‘stage’ for human interaction—encouraging encounters, collaboration and connections, forming the social heart of the school.
A Landscape for Learning

Branksome Hall Asia at Jeju Global Education City