The Headquarters of Wuxi Life Science Park

1 Brief Introduction

In 2002, Wuxi Life Science Park was planned in Wuxi, Jiangsu province, China. This Industry Park will absorb many biology and medicine enterprises all over the world to set up plants inside. The masterplan of the park was designed by Terry Farrell & Partners.

As the first building in the park, the headquarters of Wuxi Life Science Park is sited on the entrance of the new planned industry district. It provides services to the company which invested the park and at the same time, offers rented offices to those enterprises which set up plants in the park. The headquarters consists of a conference center, a small hotel, three independent office buildings, three groups of rental houses and other relevant facilities. Its total area amounts to 12,000 square meters.

2 Challenges and Problems

A Site
- The shape of the site is triangular. One side has good scenery facing a small lake, the other two face the roads.

B Complexity
- The complex includes many small buildings of different functions.

C Form
- Most enterprises in this park are related to medicine and biology, the aim is to find exact form and culture for those works.

3 Strategy and Themes

A Life
- The origin and form of life

B Accrete
- The ideal relationship between life and circumstances is to grow together.

C Movement
- Movement is an essence of life. As a sustainable building, like most lifeforms, movement is a factor living mode to react the variety of the environment.

4 Creation

A Life Study
- Through the study of the evolution of biology, you will find that the form of life origin from molecular animals, and gradually transform to spiral column animals. Lower structure means the basic level of creature.

B Harmony
- Not like Descartes’ viewpoint in Chinese traditional philosophy, creature belongs to circumstance and nature, without the separation of subject and object. Design should form a part of the harmony of structure and environment.

C Sustainable
- To borrow Costanza’s words, a sustainable should never be seen as static. Something dynamic is always happening. As soon as the wind blows, the trees will also move. The sun moves. The shadow, and clouds move; the water moves, along with plants and animals. So does the building.

In conclusion, the building can react with circumstances and change with the variety of surrounding.