

Press release

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**Norman Foster honoured by the Peoples Republic of China**

Norman Foster was honoured today with a China Friendship Award, presented by Chinas Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang during a ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The only architect among the 50 recipients of the prize, Lord Foster was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the 2008 Beijing Olympics and to China, following the opening of Beijing Capital International Airports new Terminal 3 in February.

Lord Foster said:

I am deeply honoured to receive this most prestigious award. We have been privileged to work in China for over ten years now, from the Jiushi Headquarters in Shanghai to the new Beijing Airport the largest and most advanced in the world. I was very proud to see the new terminal fulfil its role as a gateway to Beijing in good time for the Olympics. I would like to pay tribute to all the talented individuals and collaborating teams that have, with the BCIA, worked together to realise this project.

Notes to editors:

The China Friendship Award is given out by the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs and is the highest accolade bestowed upon foreign experts who have contributed to the countrys economic and social progress. The prize was founded in 1991 by the Peoples Republic of China and is judged by the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs.

Fifty foreign experts were recognised at the ceremony on 28 September each will be congratulated by Chinese Chairman Hu Jintao and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People on 29 September.

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