Tulou: Affordable Housing for China

Introduction to Tulou Project,
Guangdong, 2008
Design: Urbanus
Construction: in progress
Size: 12,000 m²
Client: Shenzhen Vanke Real Estate Co., Ltd.

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• A design group in Shenzhen is experimenting Hakka Tulou concept in Guangzhou. Of course, they are building Tulou buildings using concrete in stead of rammed earth. Their art of work "Tulou: Affordable Housing for China" is on exhibit at the Cooper- Hewitt National Design Museum in New York City October 3, 2008–April 5, 2009

• Based upon Hakka Tulou, a prototype of affordable housing designed by Urbanus has been built nearby Guangzhou, China. The project is developed by the China Vanke Co., Ltd. Tulou project incorporates 278 apartment units, a dormitory, a small hotel, shops, a gymnasium, a library, and various public spaces. For the exhibition at Cooper-Hewitt, Urbanus will display two full-scale bedrooms, with additional information of PPT, DV and large scale photographs to allow the visitors to explore and understand this experimental project.