



- Founder of Clean Tuesday Hong Kong, Charles d’Haussy: Clean Tuesday worldwide, and Latest in low-power LED lighting solutions

- GreenTech Outpost HK’s CEO Steve Wong: Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Power Generation from Macau’s Roof Tops

- **Macao’s University of St Joseph Professor of Intelligent Systems and Technology, Richard Whitfield: University’s new Green Campus**

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# USJ's Green Campus

Reporting on the environmental initiatives being undertaken for the University of Saint Joseph's new campus at Ilha Verde in Macau

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# University of Saint Joseph

- Small university, affiliated with Catholic Church
- All degrees jointly awarded by the Catholic University of Portugal
- Mostly international staff, many visiting professors
- High quality courses, learning and teaching
- Opened as a graduate school, recently expanded to undergraduate
- Offers courses in Business, Design, Education, Government History, IT, Psychology, Social Work, Religion





# Project summary

- **Site Area** 12,622 m<sup>2</sup>
- **GFA** 38,214 m<sup>2</sup>
- **Coverage** 42%
- **Plot Ratio** 2.76
  
- **Accommodation** 60m
  - General purpose 3 flrs
  - Student dorm rooms 146
  - Staff apartments 16
  
- **Academic** 27m
  - 96 seat lecture rooms 3
  - 40 seat classrooms 35
  - 20 seat classrooms 24
  - 10 seat study rooms 11
  - library
  - underground sports facilities
  - 540 seat theatre
  - 240 seat canteen



**Total Expenditure US\$40-50 million**  
**2010 – 2012 construction period**  
**Maximum practical “green” features**



## Project team

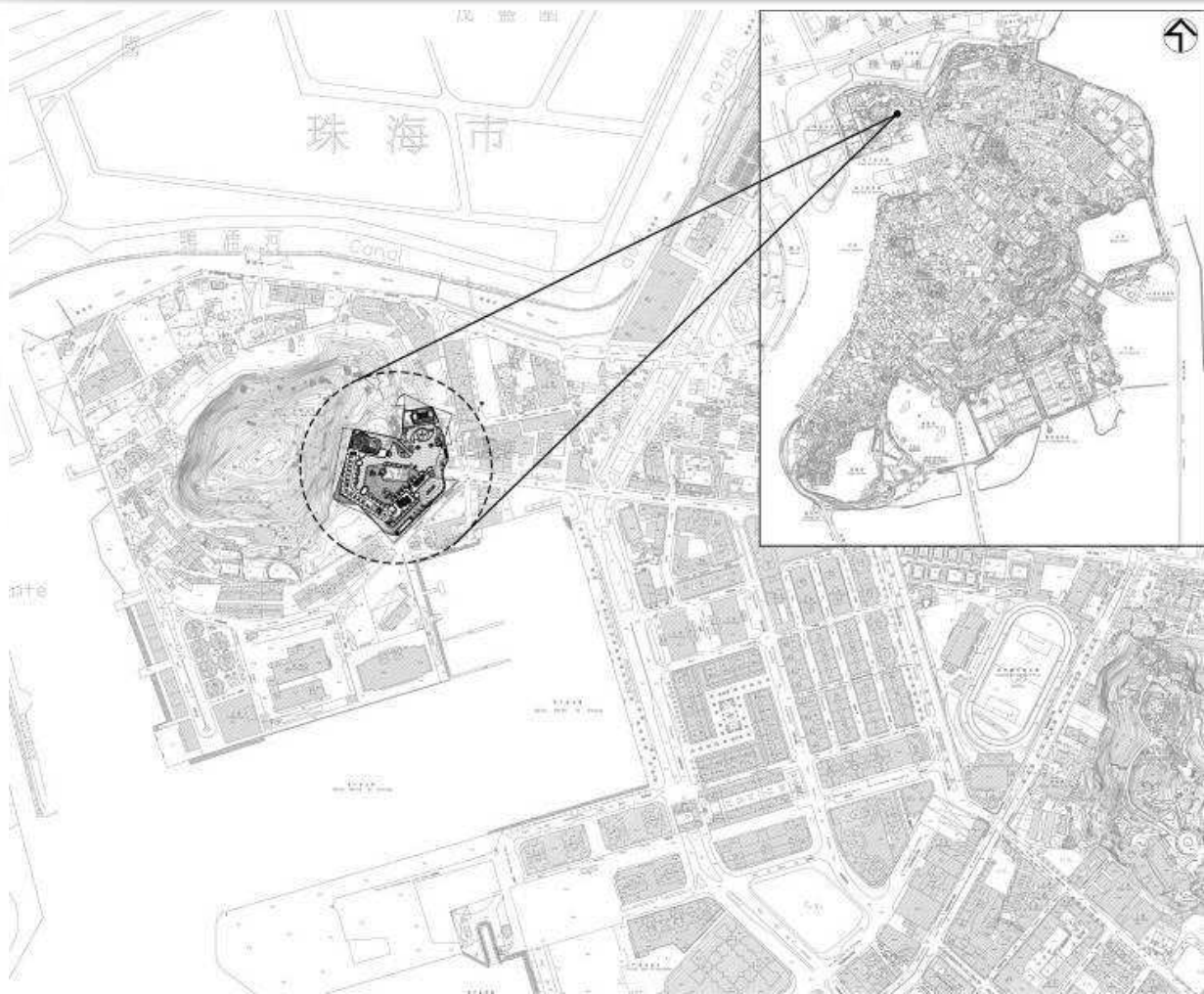
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- **Client/Owner**  
USJ/ Diocese de Macau
- **Concept Design**  
Prof. K. Yagi (TIT+DS) /  
MPS
- **Architecture**  
MPS, Macau Professional Services

- **Quantity Surveyor**  
Widnell, Ltd.
- **Project Management**  
MPS
- **Civil and Structural  
Engineer**  
MPS
- **MEP Engineer**  
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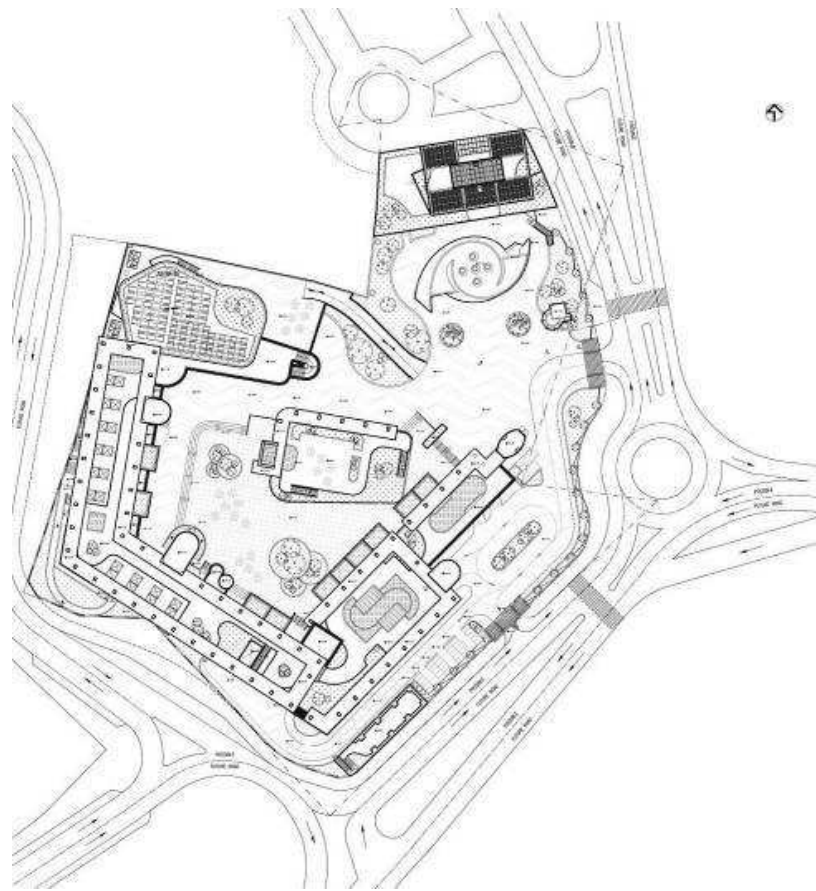
# Campus Location





# General plan

- Minimized direct sunlight into interiors
- Shaded central open space
- Rooftop gardens and water features to minimize building heat absorption
- Wall ledges and greenery to block direct sunlight
- Narrow buildings with light deflection louvers to maximize daylighting
- Through building cavities to maximize wind cross-flows
- Underground water storage cistern





# Maximized garden areas

- Extensive underground facilities
  - Swimming pool
  - Basketball court
  - Gymnasium
  - Aerobics/dance rooms
  - Music practice rooms
  - Car parking
- Surface and rooftop parklands
  - Outdoor dining/recreation plaza
  - Academic building rooftop gardens
  - Accommodation building podium, mid-level and rooftop gardens





# Underground water storage

- All rainwater collected and stored in underground cistern
  - Natural aquifer used for back-up storage
- Water pumped to rooftop water features
- Gravity distribution to drip irrigated rooftop gardens and building ledge gardens
- Analysis shows annual rainfall covers annual consumption
- On campus photovoltaic electricity generation provides all pumping power
  
- Financial savings not large, but is a powerful positioning statement





# Reduced electricity consumption

- Solar (thermal) hot water heating for whole campus
- Underground heat exchanger for air-conditioning (swimming pool heating/cooling)
- Thermal chimneys for improved campus airflows
- Shade ledges and light pipes for maximum natural lighting with minimal thermal penetration
- Central plaza water feature for natural air-conditioning
- On campus photovoltaic electricity generation provides general lighting (and pumping)
- All lighting is CFD or LED
- Extensive use of task lighting





# Telecommunications

- All wireless campus
- All students **MUST** have laptops
  - Problem of electricity in classrooms
- VOIP telephone system
- Computer + multimedia project + speakers in classrooms (nothing else)
- Extensive online, Internet accessible learning resources
  - Ebook focused library
  - Virtual learning environment
  - “Paperless” electronic distribution/collection of all written materials





# Goals



**HK BEAM “gold” Standard**  
**< 50% traditional building energy consumption**  
**< 20% traditional building water consumption**



# Major difficulties faced

- Unable to buy/sell electricity to grid – rules out a lot of cost-effective on-site electricity generation options
- No local technical capability to evaluate underground aquifer
- Minimal local capability for non-traditional air-conditioning, eg in slab cooling and underground heat sinks
- Minimal local capability for daylight piping and thermal chimneys





**Thank you**

**and**

**enjoy the rest of the night!**

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