

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Beijing South Station wins International Award**

**Beijing South Station honoured with prestigious RIBA Award**

We are proud to announce that Beijing South Station has been awarded the prestigious Royal Institute of British Architects 2009 International Award. Designed by Farrells Hong Kong office with the Third Railway Survey and Design Institute Group, the station is one of the growing portfolio of impressive transportation and infrastructure projects around the world by Farrells.



Foreign Office Minister Lord Davies of Abersoch presents the Award to Chris Ye and Chris Wade alongside RIBA President Sunand Prasad (Photo: Andrew Hendry)

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) International Awards are given each year to the most outstanding projects around the globe by a British architectural practice. The RIBA is the UK body for architecture and the architectural profession, in which 2009 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding.

Completed in 2008, the new Beijing South Station is one of four major railway stations for the new high-speed rail network implemented within China. It was a core Olympic project endorsed by the Beijing Government and a critical part of upgrading and extension of the previous existing facility. Situated on a 32 hectare site, approximately half a kilometre from the city's old station in Fengtai district between the second and third ring roads, the station serves as a high-speed intercity rail link connecting Beijing with the Yangtze River Delta cities of Tianjin and Shanghai, with a catchment area of 270 million people.

The Beijing Station is a fully integrated multi-modal transportation hub that serves as a "Gateway" to the capital and a vital link in China's new highspeed intercity network. A major urban building and master plan, Beijing Station is one of the largest

contemporary railway stations in the world designed for a passenger turnover of 286,500 passengers a day, 105 million passengers annually by 2030. To accommodate these vast numbers a new model in railway station design was developed, integrating the multimodal transport interchange facility with a vertical separation strategy designed to make passenger traffic flows direct, convenient and highly efficient.

Stefan Krummeck, Director TFP Farrells, said:

“We are extremely proud of the design and construction of Beijing South Station. This complex landmark project was a combination of efficiency, contemporary placemaking and forward thinking; winning an RIBA 2009 International Award is testament to the international collaboration and highly skilled team that created this world-class transportation hub.”

Sir Terry Farrell said:

“The RIBA International Award is, I believe, a strong affirmation of the now long established architectural and town planning skills that we have and are bringing to schemes in China and the wider Pacific region. Beijing South Station is one of the many complex and very large transportation projects that we have designed and built, and we are very proud to have received this award.”