

# construction in challenging environments



## **Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) 12<sup>th</sup> Congress: Construction in Challenging Environments**

### **Keynote Speaker – Riding the Green Building Wave**

**Bing Thom**

**Principal**

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Bing Thom is one of Canada's most admired and accomplished architects and is the principal of Bing Thom Architects (BTA), a Vancouver-based firm he founded in 1980. A dedicated and artful city-builder, his global reputation has risen in consort with that of Vancouver, the city he has done much to protect, and to improve. Bing Thom's distinguished career includes being awarded Canada's highest honour, the Order of Canada, for his contribution to architecture and the Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding service to his country.

BTA's collection of legacy buildings around the world includes the Canada Pavilion for Expo '92 in Seville, Spain; Central City - the new mixed-use campus for Simon Fraser University in Surrey, British Columbia and winner of the 2004 MIPIM Special Jury Prize in Cannes, France for world's top development; the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts; the Aberdeen Centre; the Pacific Canada Pavilion at the Vancouver Aquarium and Marine Science Centre; Master Plans for the Cities of Dalian and Yuxi in China and Fort Worth Texas; the recently completed Sunset Community Centre; and the highly anticipated Arena Stage theatre complex in Washington, DC.

BTA is currently engaged in the design of the new downtown campus for Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas and most recently have been selected as the architect for the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology's new Trade & Technology Centre in Calgary.

#### **Achievements:**

##### **Innovative, award-winning architect**

- Recipient of an extensive list of awards for projects of greatly varying size and complexity: single-family residences, multi-family developments, performing arts centres, mixed-use complexes, commercial centres, waterfront developments, neighborhood plans, and city master plans.
- Recipient of technical innovation awards for new heavy timber wall systems at Surrey Central City and for structure at Vancouver Aquarium.
- Designer of legacy buildings at Expo '86 and '92.
- Designer of the prominent Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. (to be built).

##### **Influential urban planner**

- Designer of numerous much-publicized and recognized master plans: Dalian and Yuxi in China, downtown Fort Worth in Texas.
- Award winner for urban projects that ripple positive change: Surrey Central City, The Trinity Uptown Plan in Fort Worth.

##### **Personal honours and awards recipient**

- Order of Canada
- Golden Jubilee Medal
- Honorary degree from Simon Fraser University.
- Honorary professorship at Tongji University in Shanghai