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2012 Student Design Competition "Integrated Communities: A Society for All Ages" Results to be Announced at the World Urban Forum 6 Naples, Italy Features 9 Winners from 8 Countries

4 September, Naples, Italy....2012 competition winners were announced from schools of architecture in 8 countries: China (mainland and Hong Kong), Guatemala, Ireland, Sudan, South Korea, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, and the United States.

The Competition has been organized by the International Council for Caring Communities in support of the World Urban Forum and the MDGs. This Competition was established in 1994 in support of Habitat II as a bridge between research and practice endeavoring to prepare the next generation with the tools essential to enhance the quality of life for the fast growing "graying society." Over 7,000 students from more than 50 countries have participated in the competitions.

2012 Competition winners: First prize \$10,000: Individual: Bernard Brennan, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland, Team: Byun-Jae Sung/Han-Jun Hee, Chung-Ang University, South Korea. Second prize \$5,000: Individual: Sofija Kavcic, University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA; Team: Marcela Grace Siero Gonzlez/Hectos Javier Saenz de Leon/Hugo Roberto Sandoval Ruballos/Jose Carolos Pineda Pimentel, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala. Third prize \$2,500: Individual: John Killock, University of Westminster, United Kingdom, Team: Liu yiyao, Liang tian, Hu xi, South China University of Technology, China, Honorable Mention, Indivudal: Ignacio Choze De Juan, Tsinghua University, China, Honorable Mention Team awards: Hind Yousif Omer Mohammed/ Wala Mohammed Elmustafa Mohammed Ali/ Malathe Gamal Mahmoud Hamid/ Tasneem Esameldeen Adam Nagi/ Abu-obaida Alsead Abuzaid Altigani, University of Kartoum, Sudan, and Abdulrahman Hadeed/ Maryam Mohammed, Ajman University of Science and Technology, United Arab Emirates. Awards will be presented on World Habitat Day, 1 October 2012 at UN Headquarters during the "Urban Futures....South Meets North" High-Level Session.

This Competition is organized in conjunction with the United Nations Programme for Human Settlements ,(UN-HABITAT), the Programme on Ageing, Department of Economics and Social Affairs, the Asia Pacific Exchange and Cooperation Foundation, the private sector and endorsed by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. The Competition Chair: Mr. Xiao Wunan, Executive Vice Chairman, Asia Pacific Exchange & Cooperation Foundation, Beijing, China; Vice Chairs: Dr. Linamara Rizzo Battistella, Minister of the State of Sao Paulo for Rights of Persons With Disability, Brazil, Arq. Emiliano Ciarletti, Principal, Ascanio & Emiliano Ciarletti Architecture, Italy, and Dean Urs Peter Gauchat, New Jersey School of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA.

"The student designs succeed on several levels: their thoughtful research and responsiveness to the needs of older persons; the balance of creativity and practicality and ultimately, their youthful optimism which will benefit us all. The fast approaching "Agequake" makes it vital that this phenomenon of aging be studied and approached by students in a pro-active manner." Professor Dianne Davis, Founding President, ICCC.

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