

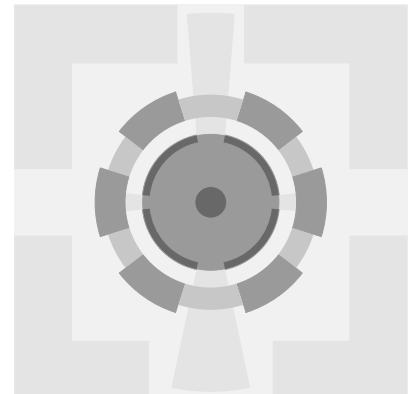
# Congress Center Hangzhou

Façade planning for congress centre in Hangzhou, P.R. China  
2010



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Location	Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, P.R. China
Client	Administration Department City of Hangzhou Agency of Urban Planning CN-31000 Hangzhou, P.R. China
Architect	Pysall Ruge Architekten
Project partner	DBH Stadtplanungs GmbH, Hangzhou
Façade consultant	Schlaich Bergermann und Partner
General Planning Civic Center	TJADRI (Architectural Design & Research Institute of Tongji University Group Co. Ltd.)
Brief	Façades design for the congress centre in Hangzhou
Scope of Services	Façades design planning, main detail planning (scale 1:100 to scale 1:1), monitoring execution documents
Size	Building above ground – GFA 22.000 sqm
Duration	2006–2007
Completion	2010



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As the new central form of the main administration building of the City of Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, the Congress Centre resembles a large precious stone.

The Zhejiang Province is known for its tea producing region. To express the building's regional characteristics, design of the façade is based on the superimposed configura-

tions of the tea cultivation pathways and the planting nets. As a result, the building is enveloped by a multi-layered fabric, giving it a true architectural plasticity. Seen from a distance, the façade appears like a rigid volume, but dissolves into a network of structures and levels on approach.