Today's News - Monday, August 3, 2009

- ArcSpace brings OMA's in Bangkok tower, and Kuma's train station in Takanazawa, Japan.
- An international shortlist to transform Mumbai into a cleaner, greener and a hi-tech metropolis.
- Q&A with a U.S. congressman re: climate change legislation, the need for long-term sustainable transportation planning, and the cost of making communities walkable and bikeable.
- High hopes that Lutyens' New Delhi will be named a World Heritage Site.
- Glancey wonders whether we should feel guilty for admiring fascist buildings.
- A Foster/Nouvel scheme bites the dust in London.
- But it's thumbs-up for Make scheme for London's Vauxhall area.
- A call to amp up the design of Dallas convention center hotel - one could consider it a sad saga (after Foster is fired).
- Kamin gets a sneak-peek at Hadid's Burnham Plan centennial pavilion: "tailored architecture, dazzling video...the only thing being sold is the idea of planning and its impact on the quality of life."
- OSU's main library re-opens today after a much-needed makeover.
- In Calgary, Calatrava's Peace Bridge design meets cheers ("a sleek, elegant contribution to downtown") and jeers ("a gaudy red waste" of money) + Q&A with the master himself.
- São Paulo gets some much needed green space with "gritty urban pluck" - "floating" atop a deactivated municipal incinerator.
- Move over Paris (and be a bit envious): with not one bike stolen in its first year, Hangzhou is expanding bike-sharing program from 15,000 to 50,000 bikes.
- Known for its inventive temporary architecture, Ball-Nogues sees more permanent structures in its future.
- Rawsthorn offers up four of her favorite video clips of her design heroes - past and present.
- Call for entries: "1000 Product Designs" - the book.
- The cat's out of the bag: Burj Dubai set to open on December 2 (or so someone says).

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Calgary's $24.5M footbridge unveiled to cheers, jeers: ...derided by some Calgarians as a gaudy red waste of $24.5 million, and praised by others as a sleek, elegant contribution to downtown Calgary. -- Santiago Calatrava [images] - Calgary Herald (Canada)

Exclusive Q&A with Calgary "Peace Bridge" designer Santiago Calatrava - Calgary Herald (Canada)

Float On: An elevated deck brings some much-needed green space to São Paulo...The place does possess...a gritty urban pluck...a new park, Victor Civita Plaza...on the site of a deactivated municipal incinerator. By Martin C. Pedersen -- Anna Dietzsch; Levskly Arquitectos; Benedotto Abbud [images] - Metropolis Magazine

Hangzhou to Expand Bike-Sharing Program to 50,000 Bikes...from the currently available 15,000...not a single bike has been stolen in the service's first year of operation, and very few have been damaged or vandalized. - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Ball-Nogues makes architecture for the moment: Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues have built a reputation with temporary structures. But there's more to come, and one project is even permanent. - Los Angeles Times

Gems From the Design-Hero Archives: A random selection of favorite video clips of design heroes and heroines — past and present...Nothing beats seeing and hearing them talking about their work. By Alice Rawsthorn -- Eames; Reyner Banham; Aimee Mullins; Buckminster Fuller meets Maharishi Mahesh Yogi; Paul Rand [links] - New York Times

Call for entries: "1000 Product Designs": ...looking for the biggest ideas, the freshest forms, the coolest gadgets, furniture, products, medical devices, transportation, or other product designs; deadline: September 1 - Rockport Publishers

Burj Dubai set to open on Dec 2: The opening date of the world’s tallest building has been a closely guarded secret for years -- however, a senior architect working on the project has confirmed that December 2 has been set aside for the opening...to coincide with UAE National Day... - ArabianBusiness.com


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