• ArcSpace brings us Hoff's latest China win, and Anmahian Winton's new boathouse on the Charles River in Cambridge, MA.

• The Philippine's leading urban planner and architect issues (another) report re: redesigning Metro Manila to lessen the impact of future disasters - and hopes it won't be archived (again).

• Indonesia mulls new capital as Jakarta sinks...but "few planning experts are holding their breath...The launch of the 2030 plan hardly filled anyone with confidence."

• Duany refines his Haitian Cabin design; now it's just a question of how to get them built.

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• Qatar's Musheireb development hopes to combine "the aesthetic of yesterday with the environmental-friendly and sustainable know-how of tomorrow"; its architect proposes "less reliance on air conditioning and cars through traditional design and materials."

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Traditional moorings inspire Doha realty plan: Qatar's Musheireb development to regenerate city core, recreating family-oriented homes based on environment-friendly and sustainable standards...Dohaland has taken on the onus of transforming the vision into brick-and-mortar with soul... -- Allies and Morrison- Gulf News (UAE)

How's the environment doing? Ask the buildings: Data Formation can be seen as part of a growing trend of architects and designers seeking to help and engage people with important issues...Green benefits aside, the new architecture is raising budding concerns about nanny design and practical authoritarianism...Others see the progress as liberating. -- Randomwalks; Lee Min-soo; Carlo Ratti/SENSeable City Lab; David Benjamin; Soo-in Yang [slide show]- CNN

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Montpelier train station preserves the architecture of segregation: ...returned the Jim Crow-era station to its original layout...there are other, more valuable responses to this small, insignificant little station, where no history of any particular importance was made...reminds us that our society is filled with distinctions, divisions and exclusions that serve no purpose. By Philip Kennicott

Chandigarh struggling to save legacy of its architect: After failing to stall the Feb 16 auction of Le Corbusier's works in Paris, the administration is now looking for a glitch in the sale so that it can sue. -Times of India

Donald Trump hotel criticised as historical pastiche: ...new masterplan for...£1billion development...in Aberdeenshire has been generally praised by...Architecture and Design Scotland (ADS). But a report...has also voiced concerns..."we feel strongly that a prominent building on such a very sensitive site should reflect Scotland as a modern and vibrant nation, rather than try to recreate historical pastiche." -- Gareth Hoskins Architects [image]- The Scotsman (UK)

The Pei master: He is one of the world's greatest architects, whose stunning buildings have sparked both wonder and controversy...."Modern architecture needed to be part of an evolutionary, not a revolutionary, process..." he displays a huge admiration for the longevity of...Oscar Niemeyer..."Wow! Perhaps I'm not so ancient after all." By Jonathan Glancey -- I.M. Pei [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

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