Today's News - Wednesday, January 16, 2013

- Goodyear cheers UNICEF's "The World We Want" online forum seeking "insight from the people who work on the ground in the world's biggest and most dysfunctional cities."

- London preservationists square off with urban planners and developers re: skyscrapers near heritage sites - concerned that Unesco would consider adding them to the "Heritage in Danger" list.

- Beal and Lee issue a plea for Massachusetts to not "abdicating its responsibility" for the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, which is now "on life support": the High Line and Millennium Park "have created prosperity, acclaim, and tourism. Why not here in Boston?"

- On a brighter note, NYC begins restoration of its oldest bridge, closed since 1970, transforming it into a grand promenade for pedestrians and bicyclists high above the Harlem River.

- Chan queries Bone re: his upcoming "Lessons From Modernism" exhibition that "attempts to dispel the stigmatized conception of modern architecture" when it comes to green design.

- Rago raves about the Louvre's newest gallery; "It may appear to be a giant sheet floating in the breeze, but the new Department of Islamic Art is grounded by some pretty formidable engineering."

- Getty kicks off Pacific Standard Time 2.0: it may be "smaller in scope than the previous iteration," but is still impressive.

- The AIA 2013 Twenty-five Year Award goes to Piano's Menil Collection in Houston: "this modest neighborhood museum set a new precedent in museum architecture."

- The Istanbul Biennial (titled "Mom, am I Barbarian?"") will explore "the notion of the public domain as a political forum" (we love the title!).

- AIA and NBS launch BRiK — the Building Research Information Knowledgebase — connects building science researchers, practitioners, and users.

- The Butler-Nissen 'Passive House' replaced a Walker and Weeks mansion to point the way to a sustainable future: ...exemplifies a clash between two positive values - historic preservation and environmental sustainability. By Steven Litt -- Joseph Furut Jr./Vermilion[images]: The Architect's Newspaper


- Architecture has worst pay gap of any industry: The Australian Graduate survey has once again shown Architecture & the built environment to have the highest salary disparity between genders of any industry...now 17%, up from 14% reported in the same survey last year. - Architecture & Design (Australia)

- Fourth Survey of Pro Bono Service by U.S. Architecture and Design Firms: "This latest survey underscores the evolution of pro bono service in the design profession...leadership buy-in is increasing, and pro bono is becoming a fundamental part of practice"... -- John Peterson; "The 1%": Public Architecture


-- OMA: CCTV Headquarters, Beijing, China
-- "Torre David: Informal Vertical Communities" by Alfredo Brillembourg & Hubert Klumpner
-- "Invisible Cities" at MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts - ArcSpace

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