Dalian Diamond Bay, China

Major City Development Masterplan: Celebrating & Embracing the Waterfront
An international design competition was held to find innovative solutions to transform Dalian’s Diamond Bay into a new city centre – home to commercial, financial, residential, tourism, leisure and educational services. Located in the south of Liaoning province, Dalian is a major city, home to over 3.5 million people and is the largest port in Northeast China.

This major development aims to reposition, regenerate and renew a 50 sq km section of the coastal city centre area, overlooking Diamond Bay.

**Project Delivery**

- The team, including Gillespies and Happold Consulting, was awarded first place out of 75 teams in the conceptual masterplanning competition.

- A Vision that connected Diamond Bay to Dalian’s existing city centre, relocated to the south of the site and to Jinzhou Special Economic Zone in the north and the new Jinzhou Airport, adjacent to the site.

- The JTP team developed a strategy for the long term regeneration of Diamond Bay that introduced eight new ‘cities for Dalian: a Prosperous City, a Gateway City, a Green City, a Tourism City, and Ocean City, an Entrepreneurial City, and International Business City and a Liveable City.

- The proposed Vision also:
  - Encouraged the city centre to embrace its waterfront
  - Created four new Axes of Prosperity: Financial Services Axis, Research & Development Axis, Cultural and Tourism Axis, Production Axis
  - Brought the mountains to the sea along green, cooling, landscape corridors.
  - Reconnected the people to the waterfront and created over 50 km of public coastal routes with attractions and public facilities.
  - Created a series of clearly defined places with strong individual identities
  - Celebrated the city’s historical and industrial legacy

**Client**

Dalian Diamond Bay Planning & Construction Group Office