Vibrant Neighborhoods –
Regenerating Traditional Public Spaces in Beijing

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Dashilar, a historic area in the core of Beijing

Ming-Qing Beijing Old City
(mostly the Second Ring Road)

Within 2nd Ring Rd.
Total size: 62.5 sq.km

Beijing: 16,410 sq.km,
Population 21.7 million (2016)
1. Objectives and Phases

**Preparation**
- Global case studies, Market demand analysis, and Baseline Surveys

**Objectives**
- Improve the living environment
- Conserve cultural heritage and the unique sense of place
- Revitalize the economic vibrancy

**Phase 1**
- Pilot: Catalyst Regeneration in Yangmeizhu Lane

**Phase 2**
- Community participatory development

**Phase 3**
- Comprehensive, more market-driven regeneration subject to Targeted Guidelines
2. Institutional Arrangement and Stakeholders

Beijing Municipal Govt. → Xicheng District Govt. → Dashilar Regeneration Steering Committee → Dashilar Area Street Admin. Office → Dashilar Platform → Residents

Beijing Dashilar Investment Ltd. (BDIL) → Dashilar Platform

Other Stakeholders:
- planners
- architects
- designers
- conservators
- investors
- small biz owners
- intangible heritage masters
- artists
- NGOs
- universities
- ……
3. Regeneration Approach and Mechanism

Intensive, Large-scale Redevelopment vs. Incremental, Small-scale Regeneration
4. Old-City Infrastructure Upgrading

Tailored, integrated upgrading

• Consultative process
• Upgrading all infrastructure at once
• Innovations in infrastructure upgrading in narrow lanes
• Customized pavement and visual design
• Improvements of public space pockets
• Eco toilets
5. Cultural Heritage Conservation and Adaptive Reuse

3 conservation and renovation categories and strategies:

- **Cultural Heritage Buildings**
  (designated for heritage conservation)

- **Historic buildings with heritage value**
  (conservation of historic parts, adaptive reuse under design guidelines)

- **Other old buildings**
  (renovation in harmony with surrounding neighborhood)
6. Local Economic Revitalization
7. Community Development

- Beijing International Design Week
- Seed Fund - Micro courtyard – Aga Khan Award
- Community Training
- Community Gardens Initiative
Thank you!