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Study Procedure

- **Trip to Foshan**
- **Understand Existing Context**
- **Sustainability Analysis and Scenarios**
- **Revise Scenarios**
- **Present Final Report**

- Site Visit
- Research on existing conditions
- Present initial impressions & ideas
- Gather feedback
- **Sustainability Analysis**
- Draft recommendations
- Visit to Foshan
- Present ideas, feedback, site visit, research
- Revise Scenarios
- Present Final Report in Foshan

- Best Practices Research
- Refine case studies
Project Objectives

- Enhance and complement plans from Sasaki and Foshan Officials

- Focus on sustainability – a balance of economy, environment and equity

- Develop a handbook of planning options
### Challenges to be Addressed

- Focusing on economic development as an imperative
- Connecting North (old part of the city) and South (new part of the city)
- Addressing land use concerns and land scarcity
- Defining Foshan’s identity within the PRD
- Promoting “livability” and quality of life
- Incorporating environmental concerns

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What we have learned / interpreted from the several resources:

In our conversations with you (the planning directorate)
Consultation with other experts in Foshan
Consultation with China experts – Wei Ming Lu, Wallace Chang, etc.
Our review of Foshan’s 5-year plan (the 10th 5-year plan) and Beijing’s directives

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- Economic development as an imperative
- Connecting North (old part of the city) and South (new part of the city).

- Land Use Concerns
  - Balance spatial distribution of development
  - Curbing urban sprawl
  - Maximizing available space

- Foshan’s identity
  - Differentiation from Guangzhou
  - Reconciling history with the push for modernization

- Promoting livability
  - For residents, visitors and investors
  - Impact and importance of transportation

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- **Environmental Concern**
  - Resource concerns
  - Impact of the environment on the quality of life