

## ISUP 2012 @Taipei, Taiwan

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On August 2012, I took this excellent opportunity to present a paper on some of my PhD research at ISUP 2012 in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan. ISUP, International Symposium on Urban Planning is held by CPIJ (Japan), KPA (Korea) and TIUP (Taiwan) in rotation annually, and participants are mostly from these countries. The conference and side event program was well organized and the papers were of a very high standard.

As the main theme of the conference was 'Smart city and Urban Renewal', participants had discussed the definition and strategies for smart cities during the symposium. In response to the importance of cities in the global economy and the new paradigm of urban planning, the smart city strategy is not "simply" to apply the Utilizing the intelligent application of technologies, also incorporate considerations environmental sustainability, quality of living and global competitiveness.



Location of Taipei, Taiwan  
(Source: wikitravel.org)



The president of Vietnamese UPDA signed up as a member of ISUP since 2013



Professors at the 3D lasershow theater in Flora Expo Park

On the last day of the conference, I joined a 'Technical Tour' which included visits to the venue of 2010 International Flora Expo - now converted to Taipei Flora Expo Park, Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology, and to Tamsui Old Street and Waterfront Area, which was the center of shipping and commerce in the 19th century. We also had a lunch banquet on a boat cruising around the Tamsui River, enjoying the stunning view of old fishing towns and the urban scene of Taipei along a river.



Tamsui waterfront park



5 international students in team "bus B"

Overall, Taipei is a fast paced, modern city (however, once you step out of hotel, you can easily feel the sense of real life of local Taiwanese) with vibrant culture, friendly and respectful people (one of my great memories was the incredible hospitality offered by the staffs who were mostly National Chengchi University's students!).