

Project : Wenzhou Medical University International
Exchange Center

Design Team: Atelier FCJZ

Size: 38770 m²

Location: Wenzhou, CHINA



Feature:

Project - Nestled in the lush canopies of Wenzhou, the new Wenzhou Medical University International Exchange Center by FCJZ masterfully embraces its mild climate. Split into eight 4-story buildings, including dorms, an activity center, library, classrooms and lecture hall, the complex balances openness and enclosure. Continuously projecting roofs form an abstract foliage veil, pierced only by courtyards and "sky slits." These 50cm gaps admit light and rain to gray spaces between indoors and outdoors. Verandas sheltered under 10m deep eaves create shaded semi-outdoor rooms. Students and faculty can fluidly transition between the central courtyard, conditioned interiors, verandas and umbrella-like cantilevers as the weather fluctuates. FCJZ intends for the center's ambiguous boundaries to attune users to Wenzhou's climate, while offering both privacy and venues for collective gatherings. Simple concrete frames retain the material's raw texture. Overall, the dialogue between architecture, climate and nature fosters a rich sensory experience.

Design Team - Founded in 1993 by Yonghe Zhang and Lijia Lu, Atelier FCJZ has grown from an innovative research studio into an internationally renowned firm. For over 20 years, FCJZ has made significant impacts in architecture, arts and design, garnering prestigious awards for their research-driven approach focused on construction innovation. Key projects like the Jishou Art Museum, Shedian Culture Center and Shanghai PS1 demonstrate FCJZ's forward-thinking vision, rich experience and unique creativity across disciplines. Whether building an art bridge, reimagining vernacular forms or inserting boxed "storefronts" into a museum, FCJZ's experimental spirit and contextual sensitivity yield engaging spaces that enhance urban life. Their bold reinventions anchor cultural vibrancy in China's rapid development.