



MONGOLIA

ZONE C:
IS THERE A CHIEF ARCHITECT
POSITION IN YOUR COUNTRY'S
GOVERNMENT/CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION?

IF THERE IS, IS IT EFFECTIVE
AND BENEFICIAL TO THE
PROFESSION?

IF NOT, DO YOU THINK IT IS
NEEDED?

The “Chief Architect” in Mongolia: Ongoing Systems and example

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- A. Chief Architects’ Office/ Urban Development and Standard Agency/
- B. Urban Planning Decision making: Weekly Review Meeting
- C. Present example: Ongoing Mega Projects

Chief architect

- **Qualification:** No specific architectural qualification is required. The position is appointed by the Governor of Ulaanbaatar.
- **Power:** The Chief Architect, Ms. Tugsdelger Chinbat (a structural and transportation engineer), has sole authority to grant building permits. Without her approval, construction design drawings cannot proceed.

the 'Urban Planning Council'

- **Intention:** Responsible Urban Development and Standard Agency
- **Reality:** In Ulaanbaatar city and other new cities or towns, this review has become limited. The focus is often narrowed down to superficial aspects.



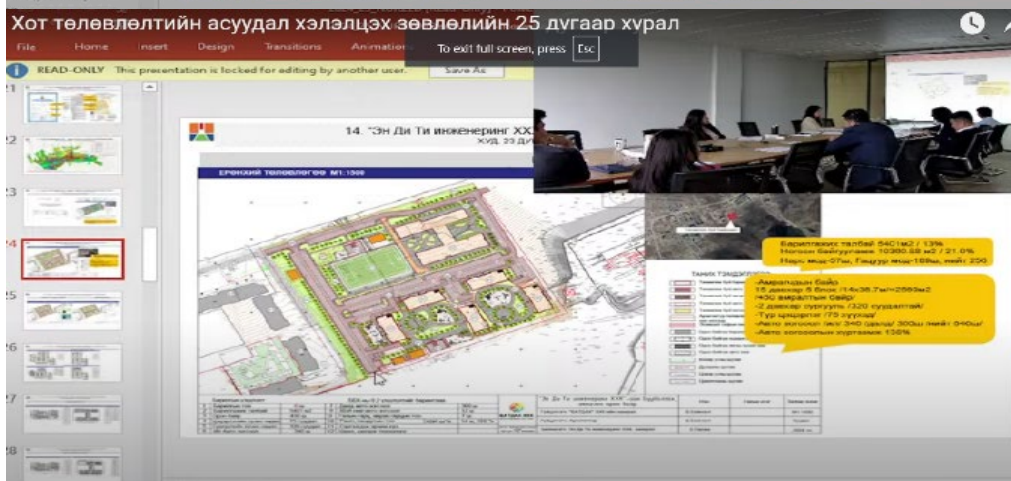
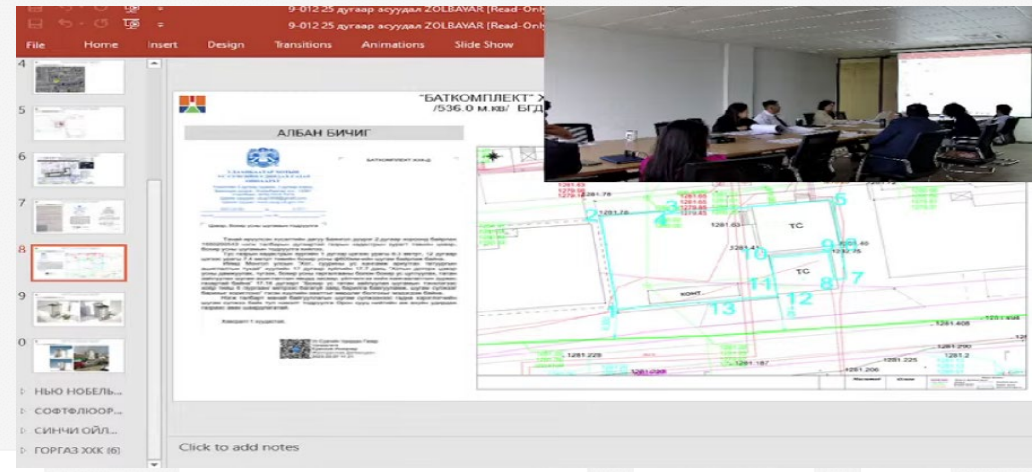
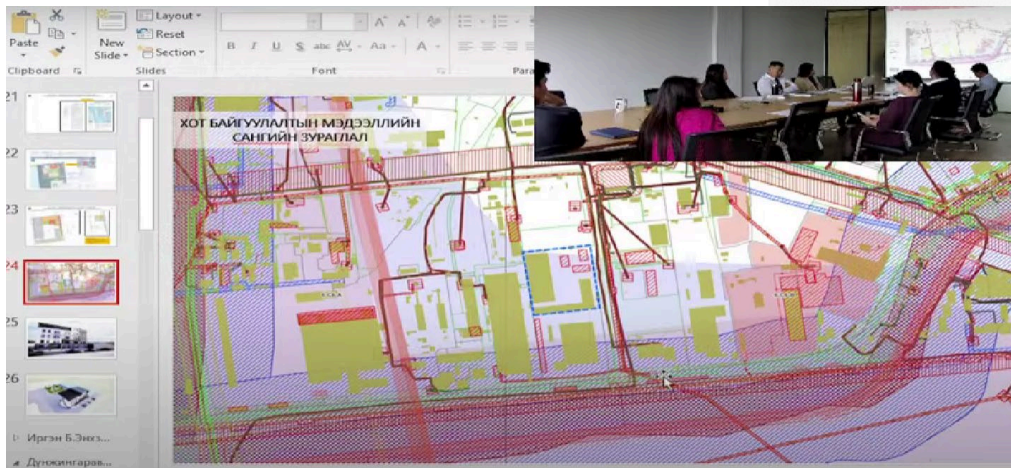
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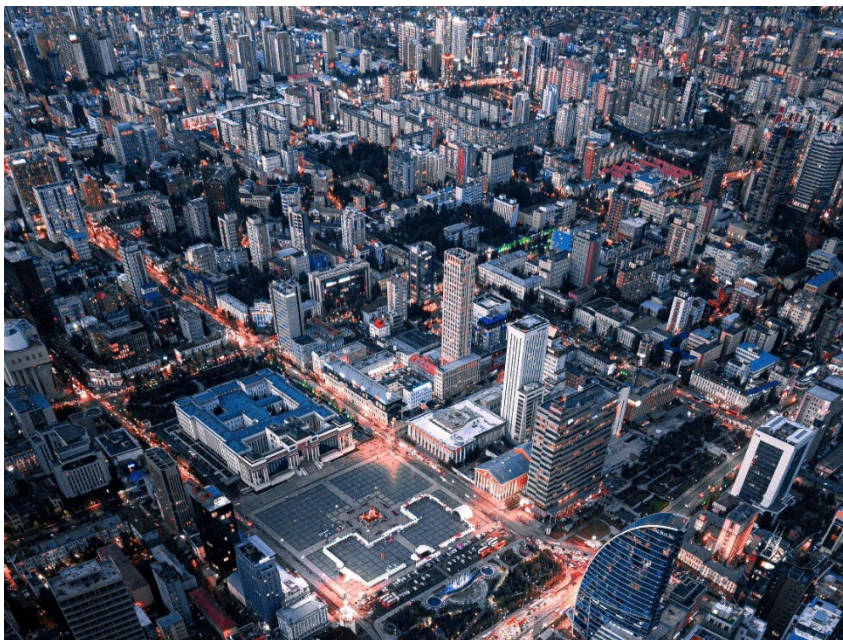
Chief Architects office: Urban Planning Decision making: Weekly Review Meeting

In Mongolia, the architectural profession remains relatively unstructured in terms of design regulations. A major weakness lies in the absence of an integrated vision and proactive design leadership. The current state of Ulaanbaatar reflects this, with outcomes that are largely unsuccessful and only marginally beneficial.



Is the Mongolian system effective, and is a Chief Architect needed?

At present, the primary function of municipal departments is coordination, yet this is carried out without clearly defined standards or a cohesive framework to effectively harness collective expertise. To achieve urban design excellence, the system must be strengthened through improved integration, standardized guidelines, and a clear, forward-looking city vision.



Ulaanbaatar city, 2025



24 mega projects in Ulaanbaatar city