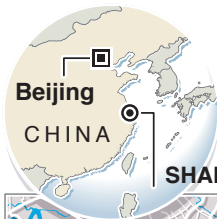


Shanghai sets stage for World Expo spectacular

Shanghai is to unveil the biggest and costliest World Expo in history, intended to assert China's growing global clout and show off the fruits of its economic transformation



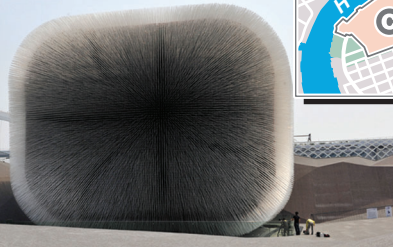
SHANGHAI



Zone A: Hosts China Pavilion (above) and pavilions of other Asian countries

Zone B: Pavilions from Southeast Asia and Oceania

Zone C: American, African and European pavilions – including British pavilion (left)



SIZE: Spanning 5.3 sq. km, Expo 2010 is 20 times bigger than last World Expo in Zaragoza, Spain, in 2008

COST: \$4.2 billion – double what China spent at Beijing Olympics. Chinese media report true cost at \$58bn – including infrastructure

ATTENDANCE: 70 million visitors expected – just 5% will be foreigners

INFRASTRUCTURE: City has spent \$45bn to create world's longest metro system, two new airport terminals and \$700m promenade on historic Bund

ENVIRONMENT: Shanghai promoted as first green Expo, but most sites will be demolished when it ends