The Chicago and China offices of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM) announced last week that they were named the winner of an international design competition to expand the Beijing Central Business District (CBD).

The competition was sponsored by the Chaoyang District Government and the Beijing CBD Administration Committee. Seven teams of the world's leading urban planners, urban designers and architects were invited to participate. Philip Enquist, FAIA, Partner-in-Charge of Urban Design and Planning for SOM, led this effort.

EXPANSION AREA
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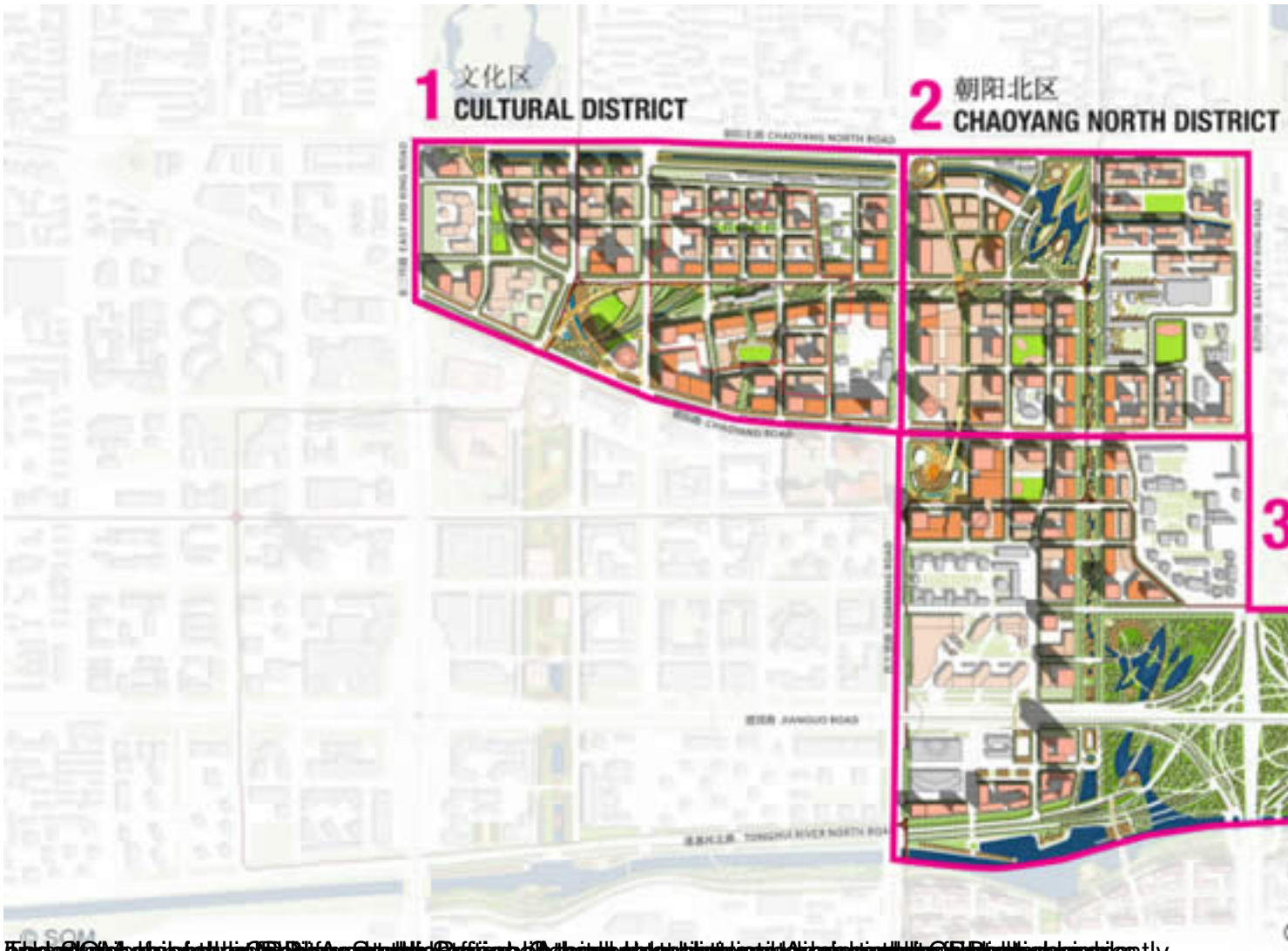
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