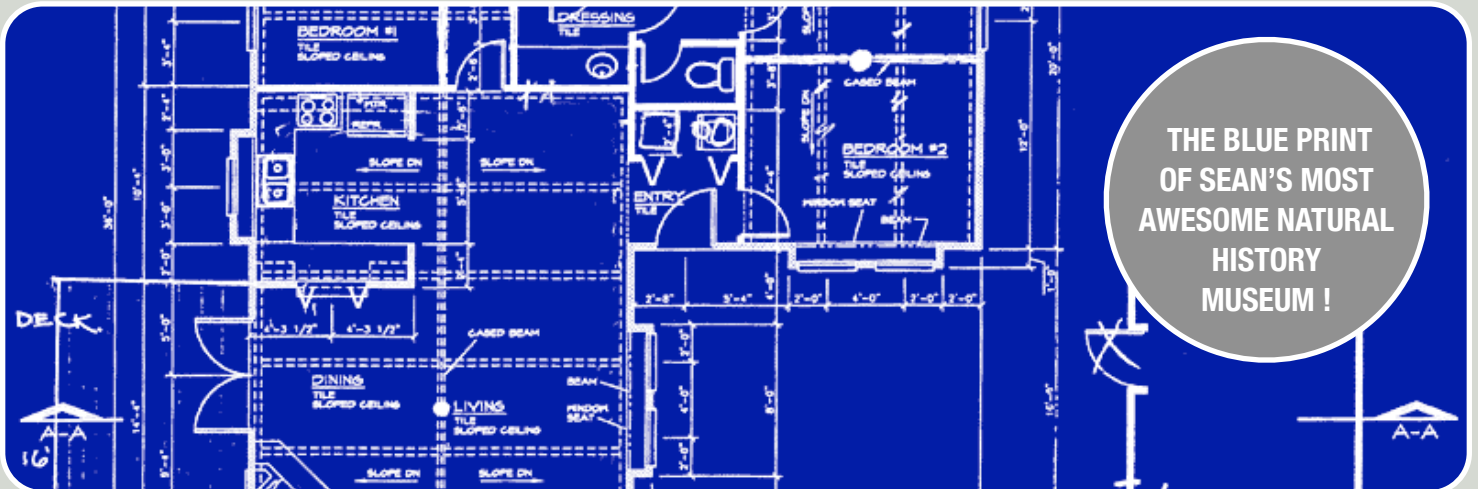


SEAN MENG'S BIOGRAPHY



Sean Meng (born June 17, 1983), commonly known as S.M., is often called the master of contemporary architecture. Born in Hong Kong and raised in Shanghai, Sean is the oldest child in his family. He has a younger brother named Philip who is a banker at HSBC. Sean went to the United States for college and studied architecture at M.I.T. and attended Harvard graduate school. Then one day, I.M.Pei came to his class as a guest speaker and saw that Sean had talent, so he hired Sean to be his assistant after he graduated. During his 10 years working for I.M.Pei, his most challenging project was on the Bank of China Tower since he had no experience on applying the lighting on the facade. After he left I.M.Pei, he decided to teach architecture at Harvard and earned a lot of money and lived in Shanghai later in his life.

He was inspired by using a lot of white glass for the facade and using a lot white stone for the furniture. When he was eighteen, he started his own design with white glass and white stone. It was a very stunning commercial building in New York, because the glass is transparent and is also part solar panel. The form of the furniture is very organic so when people are having meetings or working, they feel like they are in the forest. After he finished the design, he started building it. When it came out, all the people wanted to buy the commercial building, and he ended up selling it to a really big company and earned a fortune.

The Natural History Museum in New York was one of his most famous works. It displays the world's finest collection of dinosaur bones. Sean built carvings of dinosaur bones with brown stones and installed them around the museum. He also built the Hong Kong National Zoo. It



houses the world's rarest and endangered animals. The cages are made of special black metal and the facade looks like an immense bear cave. After that, Sean explored all over the world. Whenever he found fossils and captured animals with his partner, they would donate them to the history museum and the zoo. He also worked with his friend to build the Hong Kong Stadium, the gargantuan Stamford Bridge Stadium and the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing.

Sean Meng's last project was the Mermaid Fountain in Italy. It is very cool because the tail of the mermaid swings around all the time and you can hear the mermaid's tail splashing in the water. A year after Sean built the Mermaid Fountain, he got assassinated while giving a speech at Harvard. He was 89 years old. Sean's family buried him under the Mermaid Fountain. People around the world would remember him from all the projects and buildings he designed and built.