

SCALE, PROPORTIONS AND THE HUMAN BODY IN THE CITY

PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN INTERACTING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ENGAGING WITH PUBLIC

WORKSHOP 2019 - MONG KOK, KOWLOON

BY STI, MYANMAR UNIVERSITY. DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE. YANGON, MYANMAR

PROGRAM

| | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 0:00 to 1:00 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6:00 to 7:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 to 8:00 | | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize |
| 8:00 to 9:00 | flight to HK | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize | organize |
| 9:00 to 10:00 | | | | | | | | | checkout |
| 10:00 to 11:00 | | | | site visit | mid presentation | architectural tour | | preparing for presentation | |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | go to hotel | | | | | | | | architectural tour |
| 12:00 to 13:00 | checkin | architectural tour | | lunch | lunch | | | | |
| 13:00 to 14:00 | | | grasshopper workshop | | | | | | |
| 14:00 to 15:00 | architectural tour | | | | architectural tour | | grasshopper | | |
| 15:00 to 16:00 | | | | grasshopper workshop | | | | | |
| 16:00 to 17:00 | | | | | | | | final presentation | going to airport |
| 17:00 to 18:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 18:00 to 19:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 to 20:00 | fun night out | fun night out | | | free time | | | closing ceremony | flight to RGN |
| 20:00 to 21:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 21:00 to 22:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 22:00 to 23:00 | sleep | sleep | sleep | sleep | sleep | sleep | sleep | sleep | |
| 23:00 to 0:00 | | | | | | | | | |

SCOPE OF THE DESIGN WORKSHOP:

THE POINT OF THIS DESIGN WORKSHOP WOULD BE TO GET BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INCREMENTAL UPGRADES IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS. THE WALLED CITY OF KOWLOON IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY IT'S RESIDENTS, THIS LONG PROCESS THAT BUILD UP THE DENSEST PLACE ON EARTH STARTED WITH A SIMPLE GATED RESIDENTIAL SPACE. IN 90 YEARS, THE SPACE HAS SEEN A MAJOR CHANGE IN DEVELOPMENT. EVEN THOUGH, THE LIVING CONDITIONS WERE EXTREMELY LOW AND THE ENVIRONMENT WAS INSALUBRIOUS, THIS PROCESS OF OPENING UP THE DESIGN TO IT'S USERS, HAVE THEM ENGAGE WITH THE BUILD ENVIRONMENT, HOLDS A NEW RADICAL IDEA OF COLLECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE DESIGN PROCESSES. OUR WORKSHOP WILL TRY TO PROPOSE A SIMILAR PARTICIPATORY PROCESS OF DESIGN TO RE-DEVELOP THE "KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK", USING PARAMETRICAL SYSTEMS WILL GIVE US THE POSSIBILITY TO DESIGN AN ECCLECTIC, ASYMMETRIC, ORGANIC FRAMEWORK THAT CAN ALLOW A LARGE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE WHERE LOCAL COMMUNITIES CAN USE THE STRUCTURE AND INTERACT WITH IT. THE STRUCTURE CAN BE SEEN AS A 3D GRID WHERE THE PUBLIC HAS A DIRECT ROAL IN SHAPING AND ENGAGING. INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY DESIGNING A VERTICAL PUBLIC SPACE, WE WOULD BE CREATING A PLATFORM THAT SUPPORTS ITERATIONS, ADDITIONS DIRECTLY BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND PASSERBY.

THIS IS A NEW WAY OF SEEING PUBLIC SPACE IN URBAN LANDSCAPES AND COULD BE A GREAT FIRST ATTEMPT TO START A DISCUSSION ON NEW FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE ROAL OF TECHNOCRATES SUCH AS ARCHITECTS AND URBAN PLANNERS IN MDERN CITIES.



Date : 3rd January 2019
Ref : STI-005/ C-1/ 2019

Subject : 2019 Architecture design workshop, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following two successful design workshops in Israel and Yangon, STI Myanmar University is proud to execute its 3rd architecture design workshop. And this time - in Hong Kong.

This workshop would focus on acquiring technical skills along with visual ones.

The workshop would comprise of 8 to 15 students who would be accompanied by two lecturers: Arch. Guy Nir, and Arch. Raphael Monnier. The workshop would include architectural tours in and around Hong Kong, and consist of a 5-day hands-on grasshopper design workshop. Students would use acquired tools to come up with architectural solutions for international urban problems.

Proposed dates for workshop: April 2019

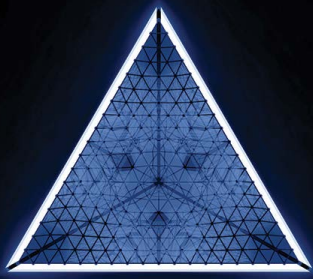
Proposed schedule for workshop: attached to this document.

Sincerely hoping to have your cooperation in executing this workshop,

Sincerely,

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THURSDAY 3RD OF JANUARY 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

FOLLOWING OUR PREVIOUS WORKSHOP TOGETHER WITH STI, MYANMAR UNIVERSITY, WE ARE THRILLED TO CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEIR DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE ON THIS NEW PROJECT IN MONG KOK.

THE PREVIOUS DESIGN WORKSHOP WAS BASED IN YANGON, THE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS ALONG AN ABOVE-GROUND WATER PIPELINE IN THE CITY. THEY WERE ASKED TO DESIGN BAMBOO MODULES THAT WOULD RESPOND TO A SPECIFIC SOCIAL CONTEXT WITH THE PROSPECTIVES OF DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SPACE, SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES, SHELTER HOMESLESS FAMILIES, CREATING PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORT AREAS. THE POINT WAS TO DESIGN A SOCIALLY ENGAGED LINEAR PARK IN YANGON, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN UNCANNY URBAN CONTEXT: "GYOBYU PIPELINE INITIATIVE".

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HONGKONG HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG, DESIGNTRUST (THE HONGKONG AMBASSADORS OF DESIGN) HAS AWARDED US A SEED GRANT TO GET STARTED WITH THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. MOREOVER, 2 HONGKONG BASED ARCHITECTURE PRACTISES HAVE RECENTLY JOINED OUR PIPELINE INITIATIVE, AND ARE NOW DESIGNING MODULES TO BE INSTALLED ON THE SITE: MLKK AND L.E.A.D TOGETHER WITH MAVIS YIP AND KRISTOF CROLLA WHO TEACHES ARCHITECTURE AT CUHK.

OUR NEW DESIGN WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE IN MONG KOK, KOWLOON IN THE "KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK". PREVIOUS TO THE WORKSHOP, STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE RESEARCH ON THE WALLED CITY HISTORY AND LATER PROPOSE IDEAS ON THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK. THE STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE TAUGHT ABOUT NEW ARCHITECTURE SKILLS SUCH AS GRASSHOPPER ON RHINO5.

WE HOPE TO GET YOUR SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT IN THIS INITIATIVE.

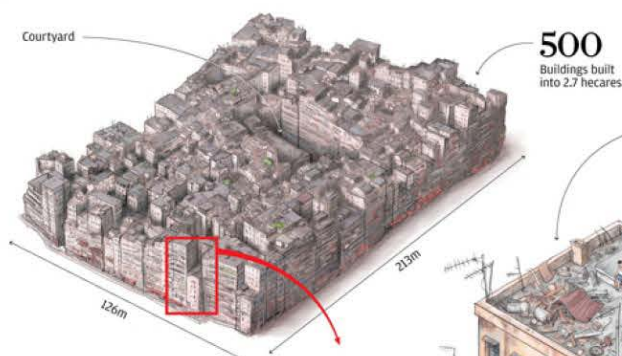
YOURS TRULY,

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City of anarchy

Kowloon Walled City, located not far from the former Kai Tak Airport, was a remarkable high-rise squatter camp that by the 1980s had 50,000 residents. A historical accident of colonial Hong Kong, it existed in a lawless vacuum until it became an embarrassment for Britain. This month marks the 20th anniversary of its demolition.



Without municipal services, there was no rubbish collection. Old television sets, broken furniture, discarded mattresses and other bulky items were hauled to the roof and abandoned

Other rooftops were used for exercise, playgrounds, relaxing and even pigeon racing

There were 77 wells inside the city some 90 metres deep. Electric pumps delivered water to big tanks on rooftops. From there, water was funnelled through narrow pipes to the homes

HK\$35
monthly room rent

Despite its daunting, squalid appearance and reputation for lawlessness, many of Kowloon Walled City's former residents remember it fondly. It may have been the City of Darkness to outsiders, but to thousands who called it home, it was a friendly, tight-knit community that was poor but generally happy

Electric wires were placed outdoors to prevent fires

KOWLOON WALLED CITY
HONG KONG

The street-level shops were a mix of unlicensed dentists and doctors, market stalls and cafes that often included dog on the menu. Fish balls, barbecued and roast meat and other foodstuffs were manufactured in premises with little or no sanitation

From fortress to park

The Walled City underwent a dramatic transformation in the final decades of the 20th century

1898
700
inhabitants

Each point is an inhabitant

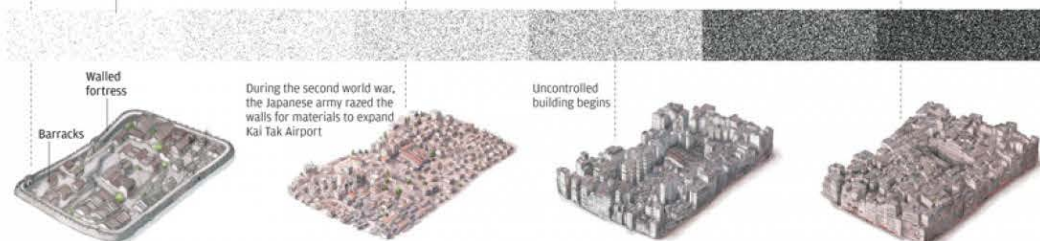
1940
2,000
inhabitants

1950
5,000
inhabitants

1973
10,000
inhabitants

1980
30,000
inhabitants

1990
50,000
inhabitants



Sources: The Darkness City: Life in Kowloon Walled City - Greg Girard and Ian Lambert, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

40sq ft
per person

The area's interconnected high-rise towers were built without architects and engineers, and ungoverned by Hong Kong's building and sanitation regulations

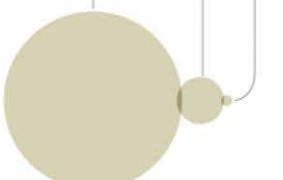
There were several schools and kindergartens, some of them run by organisations such as the Salvation Army

Tiny metal fabrication shops made up a good number of the 700 or so industrial premises. Most were found between the ground and fifth floors

There were many heroin dealers but they were untouchable. Police could only arrest non-residents

Population density
per square kilometre

KWC 1,920,000
Mong Kok 130,000
Hong Kong 6,700

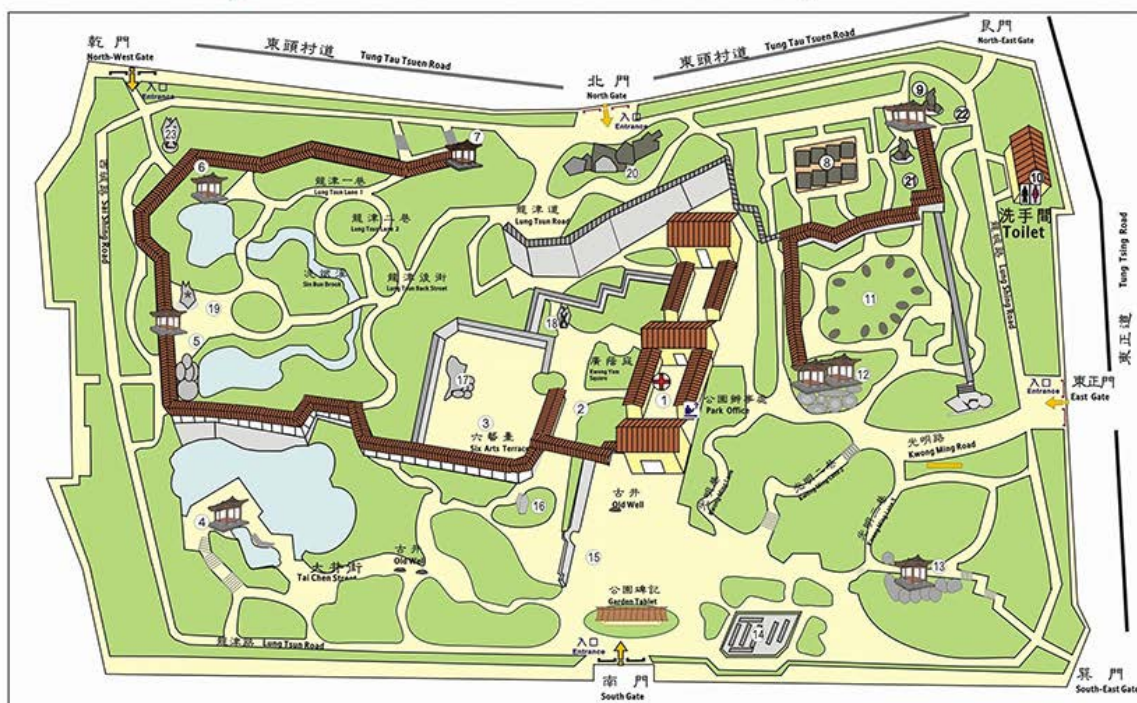


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九龍寨城公園

Kowloon Walled City Park



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| ③ 六藝臺 Six Arts Terrace | ⑥ 玉堂亭 Yuk Tong Pavilion | ⑩ 洗手間 Toilet | ⑭ 南門懷古 Old South Gate | ⑱ 劉知三峯 Lau Chi-sham Rock | ㉒ 東倫峯 Willans Rock | |
| | ⑦ 龍津亭 Lung Tsun Pavilion | ⑪ 魚樂園 Garden of Chinese Zodiac | ⑮ 魁星亭 Fui Sing Pavilion | ⑲ 聯日修峯 Kwong Yat-sau Rock | ㉓ 鸞鳳和鳴峯 Marriage Rock | |
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