

COAST OF OLD DAYS

Intergenerational play space design competition

Entry code: U12



Design statement

“Those days I could walk downstairs and reach the sea in just a few steps, but I can hardly see it now.”

Yau Ma Tei, a part of Kowloon island, has seen a great change since the age of villages and fishermen. The coastline kept changing with Land Reclamation carrying out, which brought impact to local residents' life over and over again. Just two decades ago, they can still easily touch the sea under their house. But now, they can only see highways and buildings out of their door.

Thus, our team chooses “Coast of Old Days” as our project title, trying to blend the past into the playground. Through spatial design and implement of facilities, we expect to bring the disappeared coastlinex, with all its memory and history, back to these residents. With help of modern design and technology, the elderly and kids will enjoy an intergenerational playground as senior residents recall their memory while kids learn the past as a new world to them, as well as gain a sense of participation in the community together.





“Seeing children play in the park makes me feel youthful too.”

According to site analysis, we decide to introduce a ship-shaped platform that plays a role of both extension to existing platform and a cover that provides shade during daytime.

Apart from the platform, we planned to make adjustment on current site and bring in a number of physical facilities as well as augmented reality running on app platform.

The existing border are cancelled so that an arrangement of area will be met where slow-pace area, for elderly fitness and walking trail will surround kid’s playground. Thereby, when the elderly do excercises or walk around, they are also audiences watching the scene of children’s playing at the center, where we hope they can gain a feel of relax or, as the words above say, youth.

A part of physical facilities added will be another light-weight play platform with traditional play/fitness equipment. Also, a limited number of small fountains and a small area of sand will be placed at the center of the square to create a small “beach”.

Another important part of our design, the augmented reality application will be carried by web/app platform. Through blending scenes of history with real ship-shaped platform, the application is expected to bring users a feeling of traveling through time. This kind of experience can bring both fun and education of history in a low-cost way which all age group are able to enjoy. The rest of the platform can be a simplified community news center, online museum and a collection of useful links and services for local residents. We expect such a platform to bring much convenience to residents, especially the elderly who are not used to dealing with many kinds of apps popping up nowadays.

