Project Title: In Your Arms Design 1 Semester 1

In Your Arms is a pavilion located within Teochew Cemetery Park, designed as a serene gathering space for families during the Qingming Festival. The project explores the themes of Death and Peacefulness by reimagining found objects, particularly deconstructed antiques and second-hand items, into a poetic architectural form. The pavilion aims to alleviate the fear of mortality while fostering family connections, providing a space to celebrate life and honor loved ones. Inspired by baby doll arms, the pavilion's form evolves from realistic to abstract balloon-like shapes, symbolizing support, connection, and transition. The front bridge leads visitors into the gathering space, while the back bridge represents a symbolic path for spirits. Sculpted as raised hands, the pavilion embodies a gesture of celebration and unity. Innovative materials combine concrete, inflatable metal sheets, recycled PET bottles filled with water, and shape-memory alloys, while soft materials like ETFE and inflatable balloons add lightness and tactility. At the pavilion's core, an interactive fountain allows visitors to activate water flow by touching surrounding balloons with specific gestures, creating a participatory, reflective experience. Designed with accessibility in mind, In Your Arms harmonizes with the Qingming Festival's cultural essence, offering a peaceful, inclusive space for remembrance, reunion, and celebration.

