

PEOPLE'S AIRPORT 2573

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People's Airport 2573 envisions the transformation of Surin's former military airport into a collaborative hub for military and civilian use, addressing the province's agricultural and environmental challenges. By 2573, as political reforms reduce military authority, the focus shifts from defense to supporting local communities, particularly in agriculture and disaster management.

The project repurposes the existing airport infrastructure into a multifunctional facility. It features a disaster response center for coordinating drought relief efforts and agricultural assistance, training grounds for soldiers to learn water management, irrigation, and sustainable farming techniques, and community spaces for workshops and resource distribution to local farmers. These spaces are designed to foster collaboration between soldiers, farmers, and experts.

Sustainability is at the core of the design, incorporating renewable energy systems, water conservation technologies, and modular structures adaptable to various needs. The airstrip and hangars are reimagined for dual-use: supporting agricultural innovations like cloud-seeding operations and serving as logistic hubs for emergency relief.

People's Airport 2573 represents a shift in purpose, where the military becomes a vital partner in enhancing local livelihoods and resilience. This architectural project bridges the gap between past and future, redefining the role of a military asset as a shared space for regional growth, sustainability, and community empowerment.

































