

Surin Park by Abhiwit abhinayanurakt (INDA '25)

Surin Park is a project aimed at community connection, inspired by the Thai cultural concept of Baworn. Baworn represents the close relationship between three main social institutions: the home (ban), temple (wat), and school (rongrian), which have worked together to shape and sustain Thai communities over generations. Surin Park seeks to make this interconnectedness by creating a public space where these elements of community life can coexist, allowing people to come together in a shared environment together.

The park is planned for an area that was once Surin's airport—a place that significantly influenced the city's connectivity and development. Though no longer in use as an airport, the grounds have evolved into an informal community space, attracting people for activities like jogging, kite flying, and other outdoor recreation. This organic transformation into a gathering space inspired the vision for Surin Park, recognizing its potential to be a thoughtfully designed area that better serves the community's needs.

One of the key features of Surin Park will be a network of roads that cuts across the former airport, designed with pathways for various purposes and users. These roads will be planned, incorporating landscaping, trees, and greenery that enhance the park's natural beauty and usability. Each road will serve specific functions, such as jogging paths or bicycle routes and the leftover spaces will be dedicated to parks and community areas. These spaces will be customize based on existing buildings or influenced by the surrounding community's needs, creating areas for leisure, gatherings, and learning.