



NEXUS-SURIN

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Thailand and Cambodia share a deep cultural connection rooted in history, traditions, and shared heritage where Surin is a prime embodiment of this bond. Positioned as one of the main gateways between the two nations, Surin's location makes it a vital hub for cross-border connectivity and exchange. With established transportation networks and proximity to key border crossings, Surin has the potential to leverage its unique position for regional growth and economic revitalization. Despite these assets, Surin remains economically underdeveloped compared to neighboring provinces. This brings the question: how can we harness Surin's unique cultural and geographical position to revitalize its economy and enhance its cultural influence?

The site, located at Surin Airport in the center of Mueang Surin, was intended as a top-down intervention into the city but has yet to fulfill its potential. Positioned along major routes connecting to Cambodia, the abandoned airport has become a barrier for the urban fabric, dividing public areas and limiting access to key cultural and recreational spaces. Segregation caused by the airport's layout has created a poorly functioning road network, inadequate parking, and underutilized public spaces. This infrastructure, rather than connecting, disrupts the flow of people and activities in the area.

The project envisioned a regional mobility hub that restores the airport's function and unites it with a new system of connectivity across road and air. By rerouting and improving local traffic, reconnecting divided land plots, and optimizing access to public programs, The project aims to create a balanced, integrated space that supports Surin's identity. This project introduces complementary activities, enhancing both cultural and logistical functions and establishing Surin as a vibrant, interconnected community poised for regional leadership.