

PROJECT DETAILS FOR FINAL SUBMISSION

Project Title:

Echoes of Place

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Course:

Architectural Design 4

Studio Brief Title:

Reviving

Short Project Description (100 words max.):

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Full Project Narrative/Text Description (300 words max.):

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Set in Lopburi, a city physically and socially divided by its railway, this project seeks to mend the urban fabric torn apart by the tracks. **'Echoes of Place'** reimagines the station not just as a space to pass through, but as a pivotal element in the city's revival. This initiative positions the station as a space where residents can engage in resource-sharing, skill-building, and collaboration, transforming the station from a point of transition into an adaptable environment that responds dynamically to community needs.

Building on this approach, **'Echoes of Place'** serves as a scalable prototype for other cities facing similar challenges. The station goes beyond its functional purpose, evolving into a traveling community resource network, where each train car serves as a distinct hub of tools, knowledge, and skills that support place-centered living. Through **'Echoes of Place'**, we begin to imagine a future where train stations are no longer forgotten relics of a disconnected past but thriving centers of cultural exchange and community life.