

Metal Crank Junction

Metal Crank Junction is a community hub located in Talad Noi, one of Bangkok's oldest neighborhoods. It is well-known for a rich Chinese-Thai heritage and a distinct industrial character. The space is designed for both locals and visitors to come together, relax, and connect, serving as a meeting point that invites people to enjoy a unique experience while still embracing the area's familiar charm. It is located in a small alley surrounded by cafes and a local house, which sits along a path often walked by both visitors and locals.

The exterior appearance incorporates materials commonly found in Talad Noi, blending with the surrounding architecture, while the interior also combines local elements with new objects designed with inspiration from the neighborhood's industrial objects, such as car parts and gears, to ensure it harmonizes with the neighborhood's architectural style and culture. The space first encounter on the first floor starts with an interactive experience: metal parts, including gears and car components, which are scattered across the floor, creating the signature sounds of metal friction and clashing. Additionally, these sounds reflect the vibes of Talad Noi, where car repair shops and mechanical workshops are located as a part of the community.

After that, visitors then ascend a spiral staircase designed with small crankshaft-inspired features, an important car engine part found in Talad Noi. On the second floor, visitors are welcomed by an adjustable bench that is also inspired by the crankshaft's form, allowing people to customize their seating to suit their preferences—whether they wish to sit alone or with others.

The space blends in with Talad Noi's outstanding characteristic while providing a welcoming environment for relaxation and conversation for people who visit and invites everyone to be part of Talad Noi's ongoing story, where culture and people come together.