Et Alia.

"Fixing as a healing process"

"When the school doors close, the prison door opens." This phrase highlights how the formal education system in Thailand often fails many at-risk youth, leaving them with few opportunities to succeed. These juveniles often find themselves stuck in a cycle of failure, eventually being funneled into the criminal justice system. Instead of seeing these young offenders as lost causes, we should view them as broken individuals in need of healing, support, and a chance to change.

"Et alia," meaning "and others" in Latin, is a project designed to offer just that. The goal of this project is to introduce community-based vocational training within the prison system. By combining hands-on learning with community service, the training center helps juveniles find purpose while also strengthening their ties to society. This program allows them to gain valuable skills while working alongside skilled local workers, who also benefit from the opportunity to teach and share their knowledge.

The design of the juvenile training center is centered around the idea of transformation and repair. The space is modular, meaning it can adapt to different needs as the program evolves. The layout features courtyards with spaces for recreation, including a garden, crop fields, and a sports area, giving juveniles a chance to engage with the natural world. The use of local reclaimed wood and rusted galvanized steel for the roofing and accent walls reflects the theme of repair. Over time, the materials will change and age, just as the individuals within the space grow and heal. Through a design that focuses on impermanence and active maintenance, the project represents both physical and mental repair, embracing the idea of theme "Made to Last."