

SALA DAENG theCOMMONS

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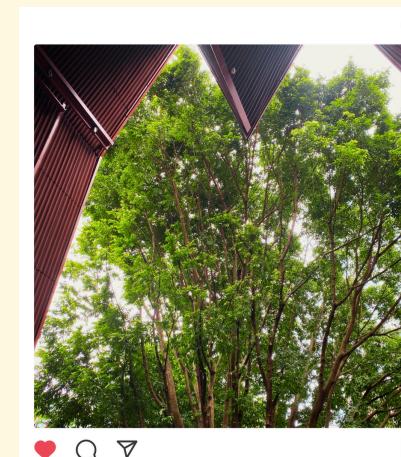
How does theCOMMONS at Sala Daeng attempt to build community-based resilience to climate impacts? How do they differ from other adaptation strategies prominent throughout Bangkok?

theCOMMONS Sala Daeng, designed by architects including our guest speaker Amata Luphaiboon from the Department of Architecture, was created with the intention of building a community first — and then a mall — for the people. It seeks to bring people together in a wholesome and meaningful way in the heart of Bangkok. As a community space, it offers a sense of belonging, symbolized by the protection of the large Sai tree, which provides a home, safety, and leafy shade from the elements.

Paying homage to the literal meaning of Sala Daeng (“red pavilion”), theCOMMONS Sala Daeng reflects its historical roots tracing back to King Rama V. Respect and compassion for the tree are extended to the environment and the people through initiatives such as the Common Compassion wash station — which collects donations to financially support the neighborhood — and a community fridge where vendors can share surplus food with those in need.

This three-level community mall is an open-air space that bridges past and present with minimal disturbance to its surroundings, serving as a Common Ground for both people and nature. In addition to its distinctive red roofs, it features large industrial fans that create a sustainable “laminar flow” of air, making the humid climate more comfortable. The commercial spaces themselves are designed as flexible, adaptable landscapes that can be adjusted to meet community needs, host gatherings, and support various events.

Unlike many adaptation strategies in Bangkok — which often focus on hard infrastructure, theCOMMONS Sala Daeng builds resilience by encouraging social connections, shared resources, and welcoming space. Its innovative, shared-use design and responsiveness to community needs embody a “sharing economy” approach, creating an inclusive urban lifestyle rooted in community, local history, and culture.



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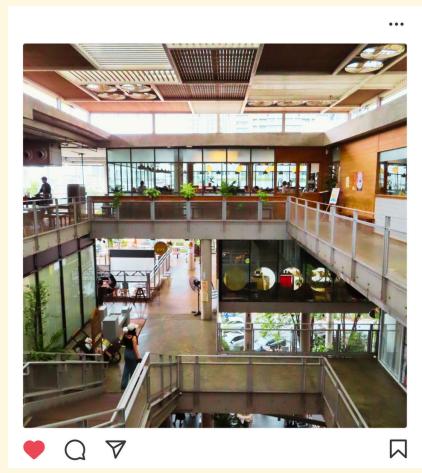
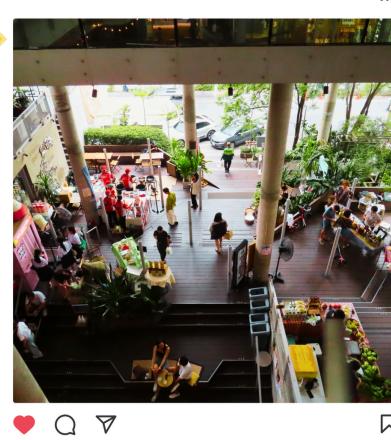
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