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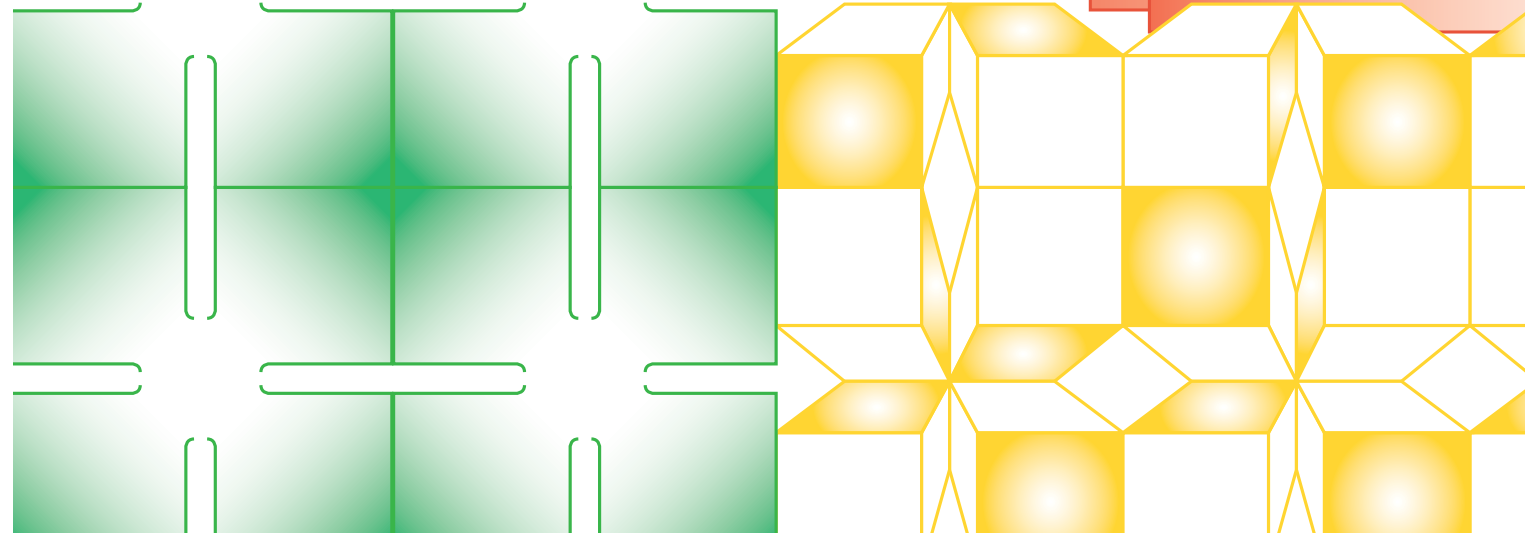
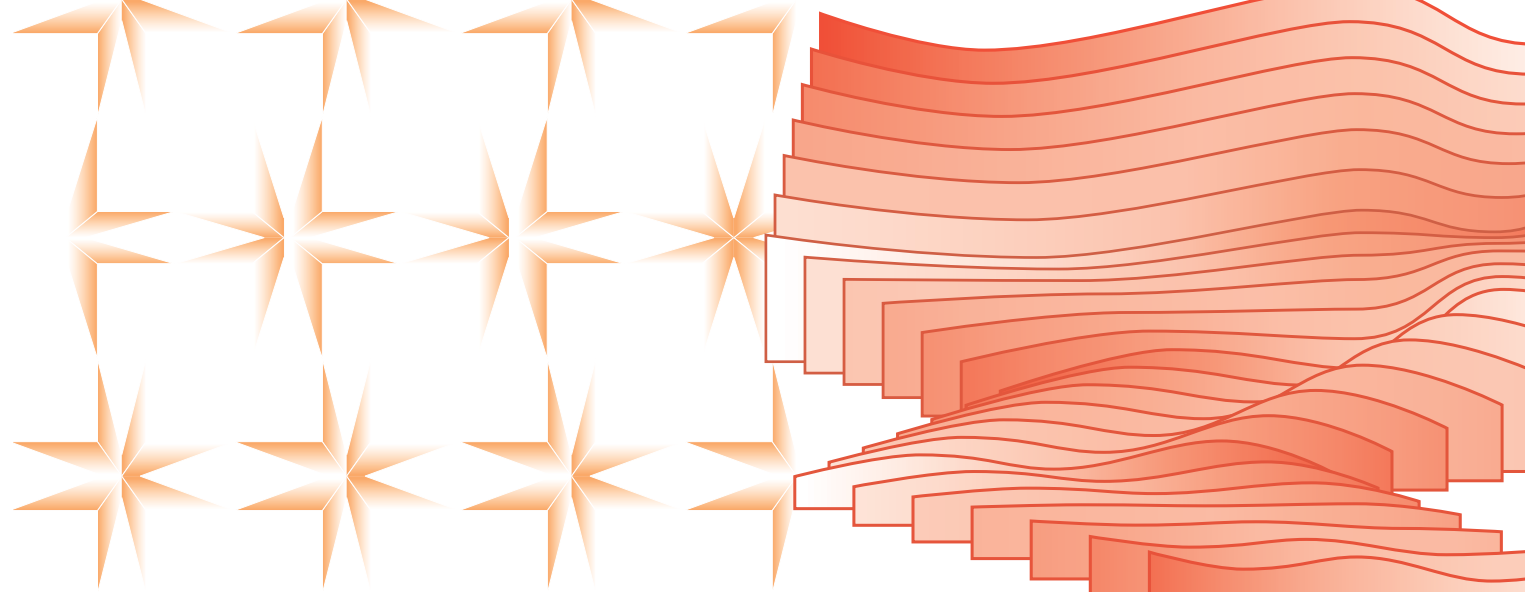
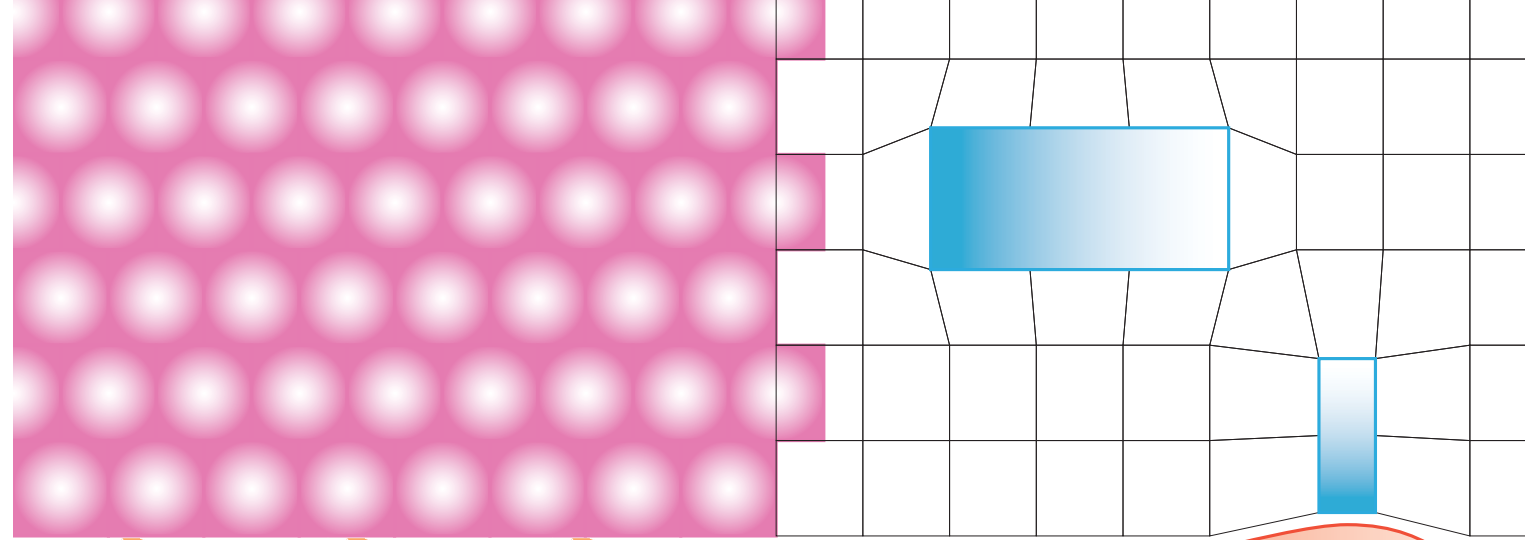
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# Public Space for the Youth

## From The Perspective of Students of Architecture

Public space is widely known as the “heart” of a city, or a kind of “living room” for an urban area (Lefebvre, 1991). Public spaces play a paramount role in various daily interactions: people with people and people with nature. Common memories can be kept here and public spaces help people feel attached to the places they live in. Public space is considered an indispensable element in the social life of any city in the world, regardless of location, climate, economic conditions, social characteristics and cultural context. Especially, in terms of spiritual values, public spaces are significant for the youth.

With over 100 sketches and photos made or taken by students enrolled at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning - Hanoi National University of Civil Engineering, this photo book project was carried out in 2021. Funded by the Council of Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada and conducted in four cities - Paris, Mexico City, Montréal and Hanoi, this is an activity within the framework of “Spatial transformation for the youth” (TRYSPACES) - a collaborative research project in which Hanoi University of Civil Engineering and international partners from Mexico, France and Canada become involved. In Hanoi, this study follows the survey program of 94 public spaces in five wards of Hanoi in order to find out the characteristics of public spaces as well as the relationship between the use of these spaces and young people, including young immigrants to Hanoi, as a main group of users.

The initial goal of the book was to explore the perception of the meaning as well as the role of public space to young people in Hanoi by means of

photographs and sketches for which students may choose any style they wish, and this is undertaken by the students themselves, who are really young and also the target of the research project.

Despite many obstacles caused by social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic and a number of other objective reasons for delay in publication, the book has achieved good results that go beyond the expectations of the research team.

The book shows the students’ notes, sketches and photos, in which they feel public spaces and activities taking place there with very personal, unique, creative and new assessments as well as perceptions. These spaces seem both familiar and strange, but equally fresh from the perspective of students, such as sidewalk iced tea shops, street corner cafes, playgrounds of dormitories, etc. In addition, the students also discovered some new spaces that very few people have ever noticed, for example a club - abandoned but attractive to young people. They patiently observed the building and chose the right moment to shoot or capture the spirit of space in such a depth that not everyone is able to recognize in a big modern city like Hanoi. Furthermore, daily activities are diverse by nature, they turn out to be filtered and highlighted through various styles as well as from different camera angles with light and foreground-background visual effects, and enhance those spaces with more artistic quality. As a result, the public understands public spaces better and loves them more. The comments also reveal that the students are sensitive and sophisticated when interacting with public spaces.

This publication further contributes to the definition of culture and thereby shapes the appropriate behavior of young people towards public spaces. In a greater depth, this document should be recognized because it intentionally demonstrates that the youth as the target of this study are self-conscious. It even comes to proving their identity and status in the political and socio-cultural context.

The book has actually gone beyond what the members initially planned for the activity. The point that made such a move was the members’ awareness of “participatory research methods”. When studying an urban problem associated with a specific group of residents, it is advised to let that group feel and reflect what is happening with their own thinking and emotions. Then, the sketches and photos became nothing more than a way of communication. The results should be so natural and true at their best.

Through practice, we have realized that there are public spaces that may not be so valuable or appropriate for the elderly, and especially from the perspective of city authorities and managers, but those spaces are suitable and attractive enough to invite them to come, experience and discover everything there on their own. In those spaces, they can be themselves, do whatever they like, they want and they need.

As David MacDougall already stated, this conscious expression often stems from the fact that their typical cultures are often misinterpreted, under the prejudice or the biased perspective of institutions with a higher status or greater power. This goes

very well with the idea of our Tryspaces project namely “transgression” which remains as the consistent theme of Tryspaces as a five-year multi-lateral collaborative project, from 2018 until 2023.

We would like to thank the Faculty of Architecture and Planning - Hanoi University of Civil Engineering; TRYSPACES project steering committee; the lecturers as the members of the research team; the students having participated in the investigation, survey, drawing and photographing. Our gratitude also goes to the editors and designers of the book for their major contribution to the significance and success of this publication.

We hope that in the future more books like this will be published, depicting other urban spaces with the other people’s views and feelings, so that we can explore more about the depth of the culture and beauty of the city with its vibrant and highly characteristic spaces. Then we shall be able to understand the city much better, feel closely connected and fall in love with it.

Hanoi, January 2023

**Hanoi TRYSPACES team**

# Authors' note

The contents of this book are presented on the basis of seven questions given to the students as a suggestion that they should expand the scope of surveys on public spaces, hereby helping to encourage new and extraordinary points of view on those spaces.

Each of these seven questions has been designated with a separate symbolic color, accordingly, the content in each survey has been divided according to the color corresponding to those questions. The following notes are given in detail regarding the survey questionnaires and corresponding colors:

**Green**  
What are the characteristics of a space?

**Pink**  
Which features of a space are attractive and characteristic?

**Yellow**  
Do the quality and comfort of a space affect the diversity of activities and safety?

**Red**  
Detecting problems and barriers to accessing a public space (gender, home village/ town, type of work, etc.)?

**Orange**  
What are the activities of participants in general and youth in particular in one public space?

**Silver**  
Subjective assessment of attractiveness and safety for young people while participating in activities in a public space based on their presence and gender ratios. What are the observers' feelings about that public space?

**Cyan**  
What are the emotions and attitudes of participants with typical interviews about their assessment of the space among the participants?



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# Trai Ca football ground

Truong Dinh ward

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This is where exchange football matches take place.

Here is an area underneath a high-rise building with cool air intakes, many shade trees are planted along the sidewalks.

The football field is located within a residential area, so locally it ensures safety and security. But the quality of the space is poor as a consequence of inadequate investment, with earth rammed ground, surrounded with degraded brick walls, without a clear fence for separation purpose. This is simply an empty space lacking amenities.

Mainly teenagers and boys aged between 10 and 25 years old living around the area - within 1 km (including local residents and students renting houses around the site).



Exchange football playing, doing exercise: single bar swinging, jogging etc.

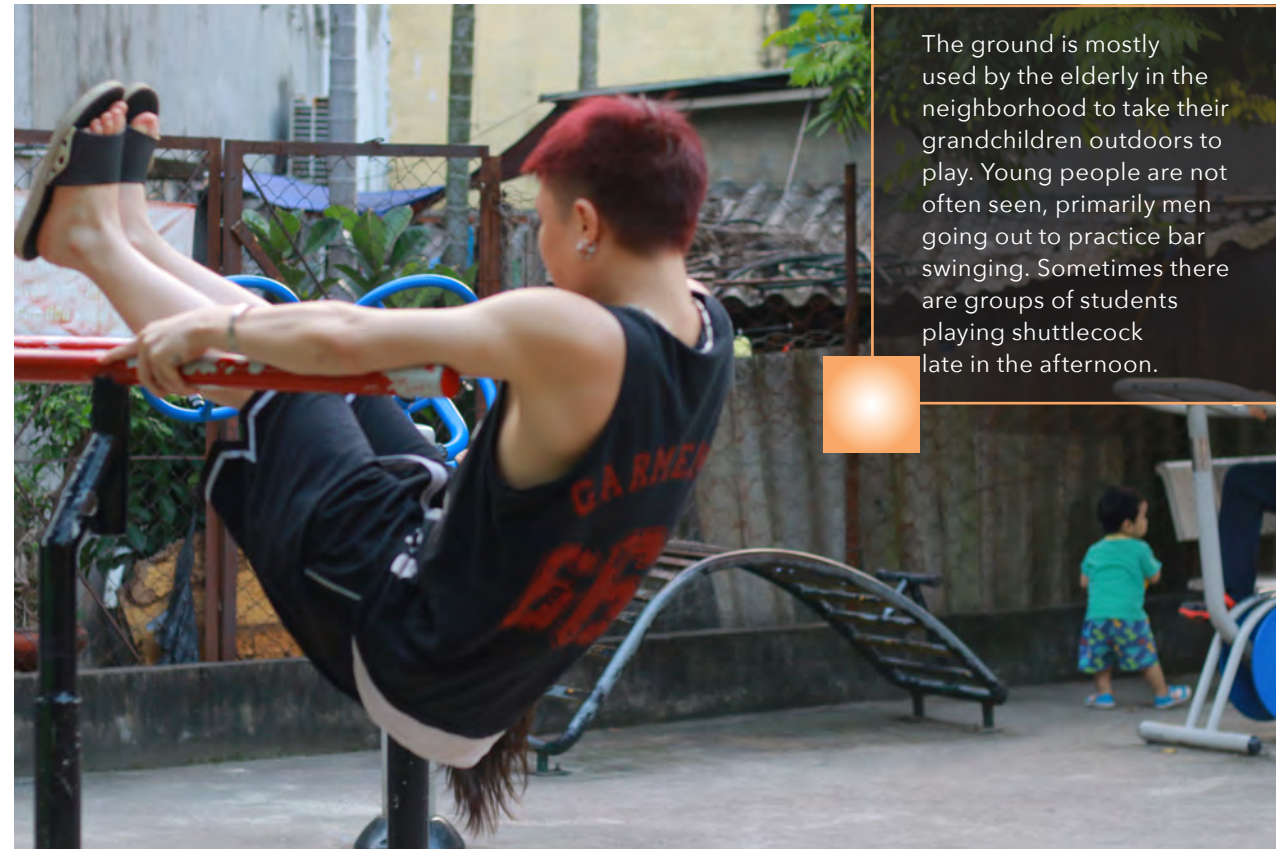
This football ground is the only public space in the residential area within a radius of 2.5 km. There is not much investment in the facilities here, so no other activities that have ever taken place here than football, resulting in a division of the users - only men. When interviewing a group of teenage girls around the area, the students were told that the football ground did not have any amenities or games for them to participate in using the public space, for example some outdoor exercise equipment, such as walkers, hand shakers, bicycles, etc. or swings for children, etc. Therefore, public spaces in this area fail to ensure fairness in terms of access for local users.

The observation shows that the users are quite satisfied with this space while using it.



# Gymnastics ground

Opposite to alley No. 66 at 323 Tran Dai Nghia street, Truong Dinh ward, Hai Ba Trung district

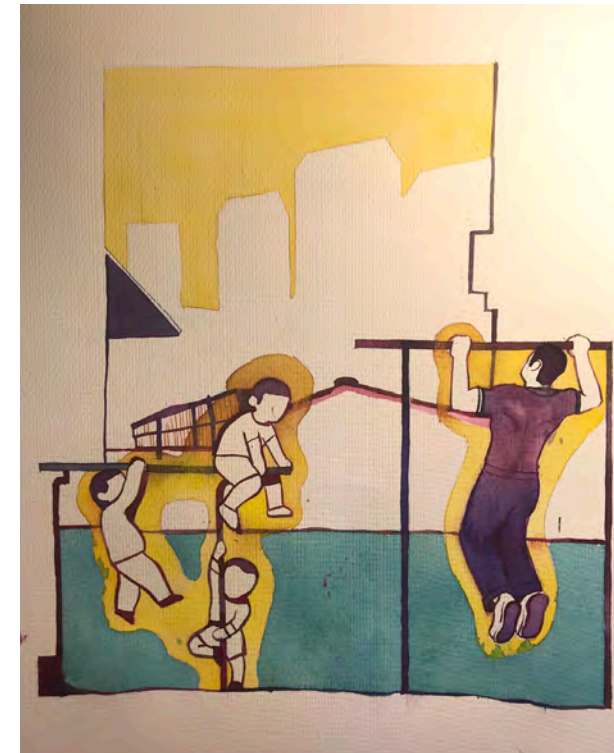


The ground is mostly used by the elderly in the neighborhood to take their grandchildren outdoors to play. Young people are not often seen, primarily men going out to practice bar swinging. Sometimes there are groups of students playing shuttlecock late in the afternoon.

The ground covered with concrete offers the local residents a number of fitness equipment combined with stone benches.

The ground is made of concrete, so it is quite hard, likely causing injury to children and the elderly if they fall or slip. The ground is also a place for people to put items that they no longer need, such as chairs, old mats, etc., making it look so bad.

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The ground is not used so much by young people due to the lack of space plus inadequate facilities, so it does not look attractive and people do not come back here often.



There is no barrier or discrimination in terms of gender as well as type of work.

- A man, a second-year student, who plays bar swinging in the ground, said: "The site is quite small, so there is not so much space for activities. I just stay there for a short time and then go back home."
- Another man, a first-year student, plays shuttlecock, said: "Sometimes when I finish his school day early, I invite my roommates to play football in the ground, but because the place is rather crowded with children, it is not comfortable to play there."

# Sidewalk – Community ground

B14 apartment block, Kim Lien ward, Dong Da district

As a common ground of apartment blocks B14 in Kim Lien ward, this is where commercial activities, communication, exchange and common activities of the whole area take place.

This is a completely open space used for various purposes without management or regulation, so that is why this space is occupied by individuals for business purposes. This inevitably brings a bustling atmosphere to the area, along with the risk of insecurity and disorder, as well as causing the common space of the two buildings to be improperly used.

The area is large enough to meet the need for sports activities in the afternoon, such as badminton, aerobics, etc. In the evening, the ground serves as a parking place for restaurants and commercial activities. In addition, it is a cool and airy place, suitable for communication activities, meeting and exchange between people, especially in the summer.

There are no difficulties or barriers at all in terms of gender, region or type of work, but because this is an open space, badly-educated people can also easily gain access and take advantage of being negligent or inattentive of users to snatch something, causing insecurity and disorder. In addition, because the area is accessible to motor vehicles, it is inevitable that the area will be encroached on and occupied for parking, causing traffic insecurity.

This is a spontaneous open space that mainly serves the residents of block B14, but the access is easy and completely free, making the preference for use increase significantly. The day-time activities are planned quite flexibly and change according to the time frame, making the area diverse in activities. Restaurants and shops make use of public space to do business, and are used as a place to meet and exchange information among people, creating a bustling atmosphere for the city. The daylight is quite good to meet the needs of users. This is a cool and airy

The main users of the space are young people, from sports activities to information exchange activities, etc.

place, suitable for sitting in the summer. However, there are no barriers that help prevent vehicles from driving in to avoid occupying space for parking or unsafe driving. There have been no measures to manage or protect the area from security disturbances, theft or negative influences on the residents of B14 apartment building.



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# Community playground

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The small spaces between adjacent housing blocks serve daily sports exchange activities.

The space is designed with a fairly good quality, the surface is covered with concrete, so it is sometimes not convenient for children to play.

The space is currently affected by the construction of a neighboring building.

Diversity means different groups of users, coming to participate in sports activities.

The space does not look so attractive because it has not been properly invested. If provided with more facilities, it will be more attractive to young people.

# The route in Tu Do alley

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As a new space for young people, mostly students who come to have a meal or a drink.

It is a street with a variety of shops and restaurants selling food and other things at affordable prices, quite suitable for students, and becoming a favorite destination for many young people, because of its proximity to the National Economics University and they often choose to go there. Many shops are characterized with red letter and yellow background signboards as a façade motif. Those signboards are stacked and close to each other. Marine blue plastic dining tables and chairs line up one after another.

Because the space is suitable for students, the food sold there may not be clean. As the public space is located in an alley, on both sides - each side is a row of dormitory houses and a row of boarding houses for students managed by the University. There are also many shade trees, thus the space is quite cool and airy, but the trees planted along the sidewalks have big trunks next to small electricity stations. The route is found with garbage dumps, without any trash boxes for sanitation. There are no walkways either for pedestrians but for vehicles (motorcycles and cars). Shops and restaurants occupy the road in the front to put plastic tables to serve more people. In return, the street is always crowded with people coming

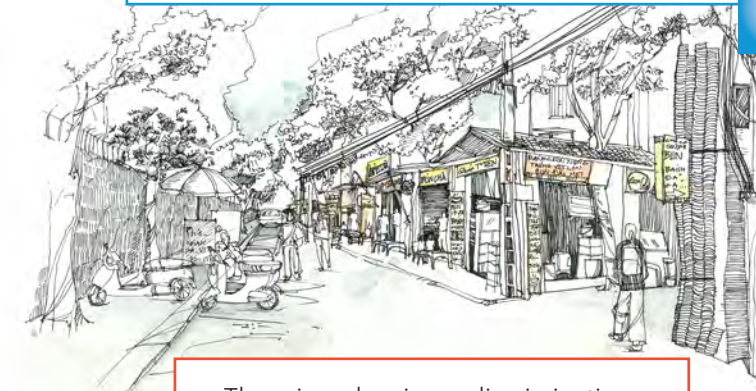
for a supper, so security is not a problem. The lights from the shops brighten the entire route. There are no young addicts gathering and teasing girls. Theft happens rarely, in comparison to other places.



• A female student (first-year student) staying in an alley close to the route chosen for an investigation, says: "It is a busy and bustling space, the air here is cool, some places have a little unpleasant smell, the autonomy and independence of the students can be seen. This is the first place to know when it comes to the dining street for students, because of its reasonable price and a wide selection of dishes. This is a convenient

place that I will choose to eat and drink next year as I have to go quickly to university."  
• Another female student (third-year student) living near Tu Do alley, who lived in this alley before and moved out last year, says: "It is still a space that attracts many students and I have never seen any outstanding activities, other than eating and drinking. To save money, I have decided to buy ingredients for meals here, maybe I come here a few times a month to gather with friends for snacks."

• A male student (third-year student) renting in a dormitory managed by his University says: "This is a cheap place to eat, suitable for lunch, not clean enough to sit on the roadside but acceptable, tables and chairs do not look nice. At peak hours such as noon or late afternoon, the streets and restaurants are quite crowded. I will still choose to have lunch at restaurants and buy food to cook for dinner."



There is no barrier or discrimination in the street regarding gender as well as type of work.

In the street, there are many participants, middle-aged people are almost doing business activities such as: food stalls, grocery stores, or as street vendors, etc. Migrant youth often do the following jobs: working part-time at the shop, working at parking areas, cooking at restaurants, etc. and the main activities are still eating, talking to each other after attending lectures, or after working hours. No other activities such as playing the piano, playing sports, etc. can be seen, because they have no space to do these. Most of the students at the National Economics University walk to find the restaurants as they live nearby.

Because this space was created to serve the essential needs of eating and drinking and targeted at students, the public space is extremely bustling, noisy, always busy and vibrant, with a feeling of a young and dynamic community. The vendors are friendly, there are no barriers or too big differences in terms of age or occupation. It is a cool and airy space, with so many trees, but the site needs an improvement: a garbage collecting area is needed. A special feature is that this space is highly recognizable for eating and drinking, but the façade design should be improved with a general or a standard dimension which is suitable for placing signboards with indoor and outdoor lighting effects, accompanied by colors and quality of tables and chairs to make the space look better, as well as to ensure food safety so that young people can feel secure when choosing to go there.

# Basketball ground

Nguyen Phong Sac Secondary School

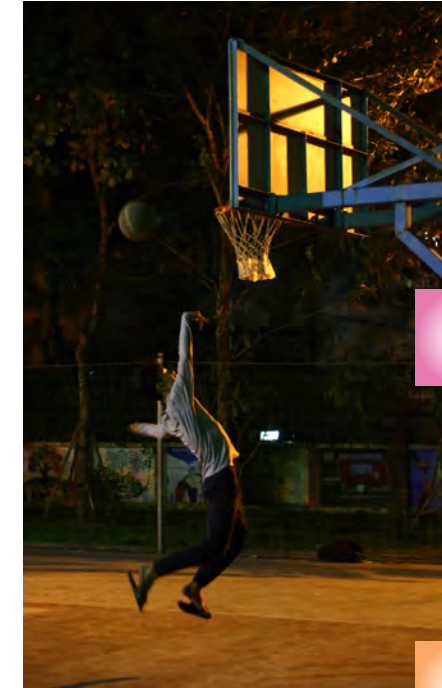


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The basketball ground is used for extracurricular activities of students as members of the basketball club at Nguyen Phong Sac Secondary School in the evening after school hours.

The basketball ground does not have any barriers or discrimination in terms of gender as well as type of work.

The basketball ground is located on the campus of Nguyen Phong Sac Secondary School, used mainly by students at the school. Students from outside schools can rent the ground to play on weekends.

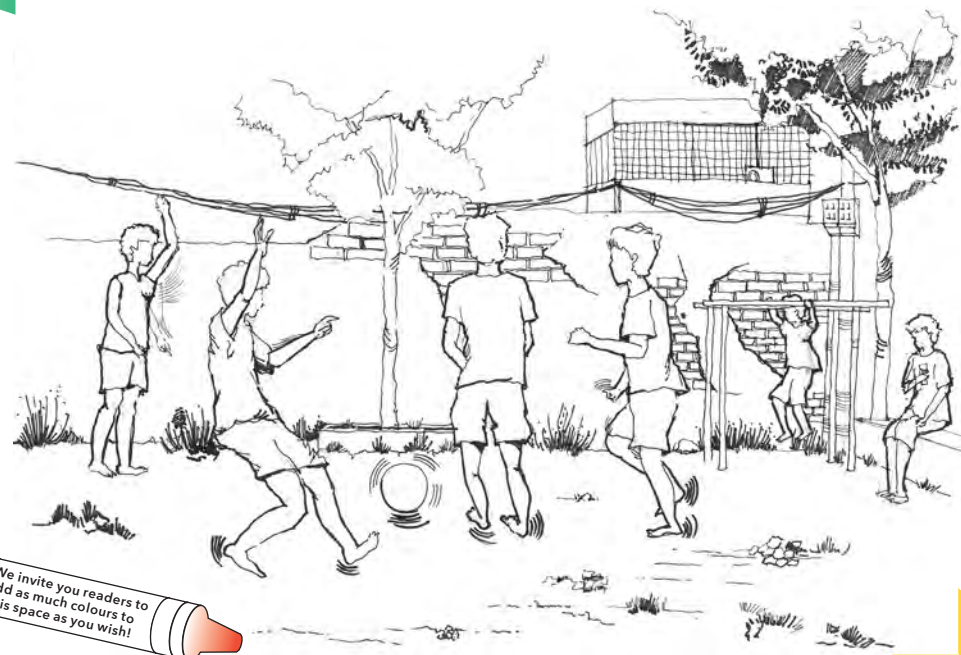
The basketball ground is well equipped with a wide range of facilities to serve students, but the number of seats is still limited, most of the students after playing sit right on the ground to relax.

Students use the space during the break time and in the evening after school hours in a very comfortable manner, the extracurricular club has a teacher to manage activities and guide players. In the evening, with the electric light, the students show their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It is a very exciting and lively scene to watch.



The basketball ground is used frequently by the students who play basketball, fully equipped with the standards of a basketball court, so they can feel safe and comfortable while using the facilities.

# Thân thiện



We invite you readers to add as much colours to this space as you wish!

# thiện

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## Xa Dan lakeside area

The lakeside area is spacious and airy, thus there are many activities and participants. The lake space can be divided into four separate areas including: an exercise area with lakeside exercise equipment, a playground with trampolines, swings and slides, etc. for children; a sidewalk for walking together with a lakeside coffee and tea area.

The space is attractive with so many activities and beautiful views. Each part of the lakeside area can meet different needs of different age as well as gender groups. The lakeside coffee and iced tea area is the most attractive place to young people because it is nicely decorated, suitable for them to take pictures, check-in, relax and chat.

The fitness equipment for people to use and toys for children to play are quite new and modern. However, the lake is not completely fenced, only the playground is carefully protected and some activities, although warned and banned, still take place around the lake, such as fishing by the coffee and iced tea area and bonfire (usually in winter) near the fitness area, etc. The lack of strict control makes the space more vibrant with activities but at the same time some potential risks and dangers for participants should be taken into consideration.

The space is quieter and more suitable for men because of the safety as well as the type of the space. The space does not show a clear division in terms of origin, but there is a difference in age and occupation of the participants. For example, school boys and girls often prefer iced tea shops and outdoor spaces while students and workers choose shops with beautiful styles and pleasant space, both indoors and outdoors, and middle-aged groups often gather in the fitness area and playground.

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Various activities keep changing according to the timeline of the day. The activities are quite diverse, from sports and fishing to chatting, taking pictures, etc. Some young people living here often go out for a walk by the lake, date or hang out with iced tea and coffee to talk, relax and take pictures.

Participants in the activities were satisfied with the public space, remarking that although it was not really safe, the space was very clean and suitable for their needs at that time.

With an open space and a beautiful view, this is a good place to relax when needed. The site is quite convenient for young people because it is close to high schools and universities, surrounded by large shopping and dining areas, so it is easier to attract young people. However, the space shows a medium level of safety, not so suitable for girls when traveling alone because the lighting is inadequate and most of the participants are men, and the absence of barriers also makes the space seem more dangerous.



# Dormitory complex courtyard

The Ministry of Waterworks and Irrigation at 43 Vong Ha street

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This the courtyard of an old dormitory, where the common activities, gatherings, communication, playing and sports training of the local people take place. In particular, there is also a photo-check-in activity of young people from all over the city. Some artists have also chosen this area to make famous music and photography artworks.

This is the common living space reserved for the residents of the Ministry of Waterworks and Irrigation, where activities in daily life such as drying clothes, meeting and gathering, communicating or meeting, and organizing events on the occasions of public holidays for children and teenagers take place. Nevertheless, because of the special structure and context, many young people come here to take photos. This is also the most unique activity of the place.

The area is quite large, so it is a cool place, suitable for outdoor activities, such as sports, leisures and gathering to exchange information as well as events. In addition, the place enjoys sunshine and abundant daylight - suitable for photography and filming. Because it is a courtyard of a residential area, there are only a few trees, sparsely planted, and also because this is a private yard, it is rather difficult to enter, people from other neighborhoods must ask for permission.

- In this space, there are no difficulties or barriers in terms of a user's gender, origin or type of work, but because this space is closed, access becomes quite difficult.
- The old dormitory building has been deteriorated considerably, causing unsafety.
- Some local people are not very friendly and always keep an eye on visitors taking pictures.

The target users are diverse and mainly residents of the dormitory building, including teenagers. In addition, there are many teenagers from other places coming to take pictures and make video clips.



- This is a closed space mainly serving residents in the dormitory, so it is rather difficult for outsiders to enter, but it is good in terms of security.
- Although it is difficult to access, this place is completely free of fees for entrance or photography.
- The activities of the day are quite flexible and change from time to time throughout the day, making the area diverse in terms of activities.
- The site offers a spacious and safe parking area, the number of vehicles entering the common yard is small, so it is not a problem in terms of traffic safety.
- In the evening, the light is not adequate to meet the needs of human activities, but during the day it is sunny, the daylight is very nice and suitable for photography and filming activities. This is a cool and clean place.
- The place fails to ensure fire safety, buildings have degraded significantly, causing unsafety.
- The local residents are not so friendly.





This is a common place for the residents of the dormitory to do exercise, play games, drink water and talk.

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Drinking water, chatting, children playing group games, teenagers having parties, drinking alcohol, playing games, smoking. Nearby there are some activities that rarely happen, such as setting tables for dinner, picking fruits from trees in the yard.

People in general and teenagers in particular are quite sensitive to strangers accessing space as well as taking pictures, watching and observing this public space. Through interviews, there are some objective comments: The people and young people here are mainly working in the state sectors, so this space is used for taking a rest after going back home from work, chatting with each other, joining a festival, etc. Because the yard is small for children to play, the entertainment centers such as soccer and volleyball are quite far away, and the young people feel rather tired after a hard working day, they mainly sit here smoking and playing games. The space is sufficient to meet the needs of the participants.

# Dormitory common yard

In an alley near Chuong Duong secondary school

The quality of space diverse from average to good, lack of public facilities. The pavement teashops are temporary, covered with canvas, old wooden tables and chairs have been used for a long time, the rest of the space is empty, used as a playground for children and parking.

The main users of the space are the residents of the dormitory for their daily activities. This space is not diverse in terms of origins and properties. At the same time, the area is rather hidden, the local residents are characterized with their attitude and precaution of strangers, so the area is almost limited to local people.



This is a relatively typical courtyard space, often seen in collective housing areas in the inner city of Hanoi. The space in general still shows some interesting features, through the games of children and the daily life of the people. However, it may be unsafe for people from other places if observing and filming in an unusual or timid way, people will be suspicious and keep an eye on such visitors. Particularly for young people, space meets their needs, but in terms of a public space in the city, it is rather poor and negative.



Large spaces overlook the road.

# Sidewalks

Along Le Duc Tho street and in front of My Dinh stadium

The sidewalk is closely linked to the traffic road, mostly surrounded by public buildings (such as restaurants, cafés, etc.).

At night here is quite deserted, the light is dim, not suitable for women and children to go out.

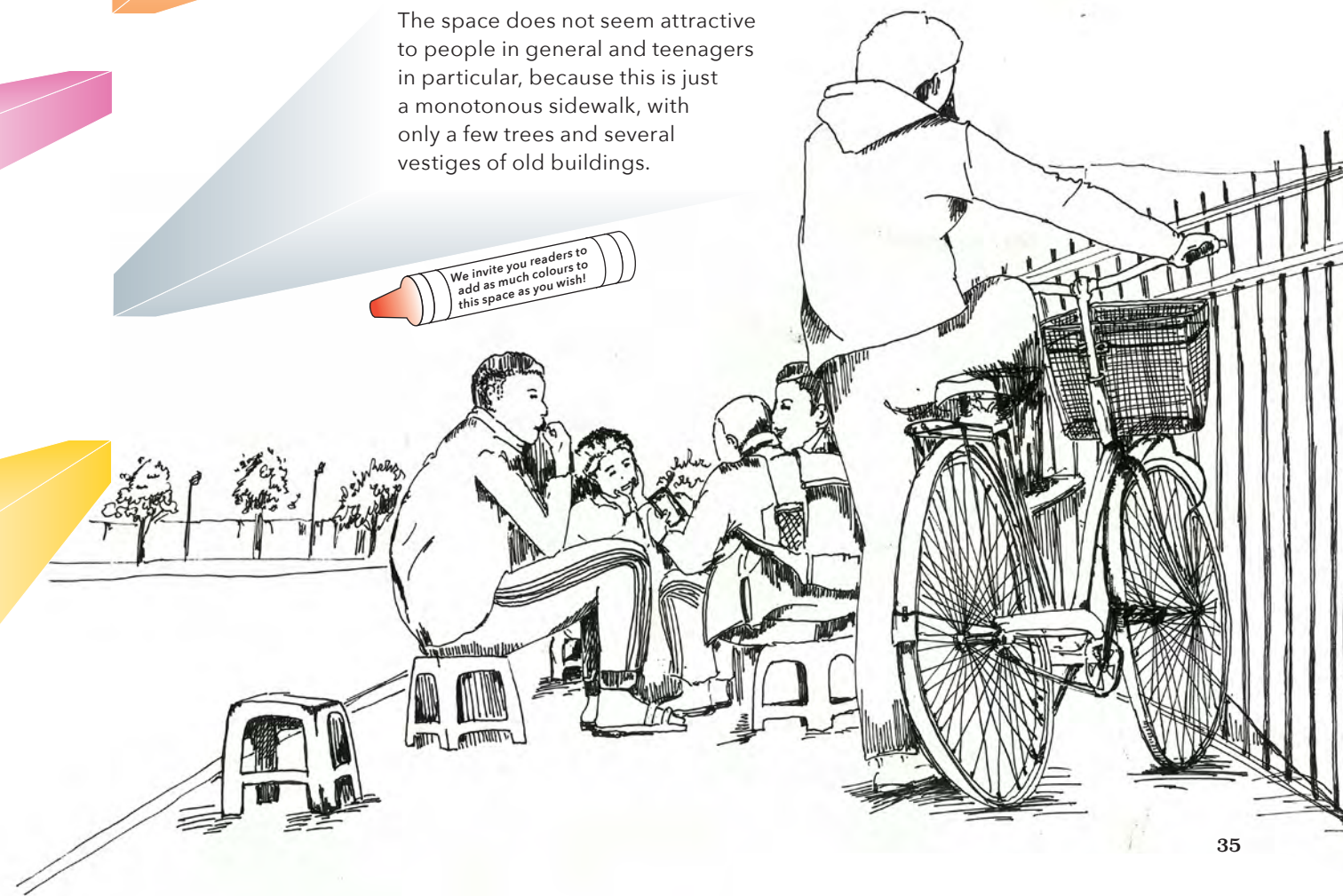
The space does not have many amenities, sometimes there are sidewalks in repair or abandoned, leaving many dangerous objects or spots that may be dangerous.

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The majority of users are people living around the site, they use this place as a buffer zone to go to another place.

The space does not seem attractive to people in general and teenagers in particular, because this is just a monotonous sidewalk, with only a few trees and several vestiges of old buildings.

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# Hoang Van Thu Square



The memorial is located in a fairly large and beautiful precinct in the heart of Hoang Van Thu ward. What should be built in the tomb area is strictly organized in compliance with the traditional planning and architecture, including: Stele house, yard, garden planned alongside the main axis to create a kind of solemnity for the Relic Area. Behind the entrance there is a small flower garden with flower beds and ornamental plants rationally and harmoniously designed in a quiet and green precinct.

The square is crowded with residents but lacks some basic facilities: Parking lots (most people park their vehicles on the sidewalk as an act of encroachment), lights (in the evening, there is only one light - inadequate for the whole square).

In the square, most of the young people are men who participate in activities more than women.



Many activities take place in this large square which attract people of different ages: Early in the morning there is a community of elderly people coming to do exercise, middle-aged people play badminton; In the evening, there are students playing skateboarding, soccer, ball kicking as an art, etc. Especially students playing skateboarding use the square for quite a long time from afternoon until late at night.

The space offers the youth a variety of activities, mainly boys, and men will use the space more often. Nevertheless, because there are many different activities, the groups of users must share the space to avoid collisions.

- Male, grade 10, playing skateboarding in the square, says: *"The place is paved with stone tiles, so it is quite flat, suitable for playing skateboarding - a kind of sport that lacks space to play in Hanoi. However, people can only play it more comfortably in the late evening than in the afternoon to avoid collisions with other users, such as the elderly and children."*
- Male, grade 6, playing soccer in the square, says: *"The square is large, so my friends and I often gather here after school hours to play soccer, but we have to be careful while playing, because we are afraid of kicking the ball out into the street."*

This is the courtyard located within the students' dormitory used for physical education and other activities of the students.

With a large area - enough for sports activities, for example volleyball, basketball, badminton, etc., and many place to sit during the break time, the yard is comfortable for students or other people to use for entertainment, training, study or other activities. In addition, on weekends or holidays, when the students return to their home towns and villages, the yard is also used for parking. There are also some canteens or kiosks selling food and drinks all around, meeting individual needs, increasing everyone's time using the yard as well as meeting their demands after playing sports.

# Dormitory courtyard

National Economics University

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This is the private yard of the university dormitory, but people can still use it for individual or group purposes, such as doing exercise, cultural rehearsals, etc., provided that it does not affect the curricular activities of the classes or rooms in the dormitory.



Because it is a space for the youth, gender and origin-related issues do not affect the access to and the use of the space too much, but there are still some inadequacies in terms of security when people who are not students of the dormitory can feel free to go in and out, thus crooks may break in to steal something.

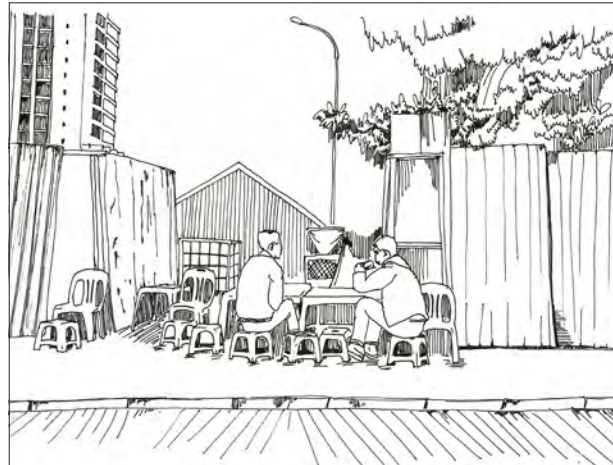
The majority of the users here are students studying at neighboring universities or living near the dormitory or in the dormitory, and young people from other places coming to use the yard for sports activities.

Because this space has been specifically planned as a training ground, pathways and sidewalks, it is not misused. However, the lack of infrastructure still remains a problem. A net should be installed to ensure safety of outsiders walking on the sidewalks or staying in the dormitory rooms as the ball may hit them. Since the majority of users are young immigrants living in the dormitory, many of them still feel hesitant to use this space or some other spaces to avoid attention.



# Thien Quang lakeside

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This public space is separate from the streets with heavy traffic flows, surrounded by restaurants and stalls.

The space is large and designed around the lake, with many trees, having all the elements of a typical public space, such as lake, park benches, sidewalk tea shops, trees, etc.

The space is suitable for people to stay outdoors with many types of sports, a lake in the middle helping regulate the temperature and ensuring cool air for the whole area.



At night, the site is rather deserted, the light is dim, not suitable for women and children to walk. There are also some youth groups that go fishing even though there are signs that say no fishing or swimming in the lake.



The space is not too quiet and separate from traffic flows, but it still looks attractive to people from young people to older ones, most of them come here to do exercise or relax. The space is like an air-conditioned area between the four streets of busy traffic flows, but it is also located near living quarters, bringing convenience to everyone.

People primarily come here to have a rest and do simple exercise. Young people tend to organize collective sports, such as badminton, shuttlecock, some groups (mainly young adults and older, males) go out for fishing.



# Behind My Dinh stadium

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This space is suitable for people to do sports activities in groups (such as jogging, shuttlecock playing, cycling etc.). There is no dangerous area, so it is suitable for many kinds of users.

This public space is separate from the streets with heavy traffic flows, surrounded by houses.



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This space is large enough, with so many trees, not shaded or blocked by high-rise buildings.

At night, this site is quite deserted, the lighting is not adequate, thus not suitable for women and children to go out.



People mainly come here to have a rest and do simple exercise, such as walking and cycling. Young people tend to organize group sports, such as soccer and shuttlecock.



This space is quite quiet and attractive to people from young people to older ones, most of them come here to do exercise or relax. Although there are not so many attractive things here, this area is still a good choice with sufficient green space, quiet enough and large enough.

# Sidewalks

Alley No. 42, Sai Dong

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The space is on both sides of the road in alley No. 42 in Sai Dong.

Diversity of services, convenient access.

The space is of good quality with adequate street lights and pavement, the green space is reasonable and suitable for shops and restaurants to take advantage of the shaded sidewalks.

There are no barriers in terms of gender, origin, type of job, etc.

Users are quite diverse, including many groups, the users are distributed according to the time of the day, for example, after school, most users are students.

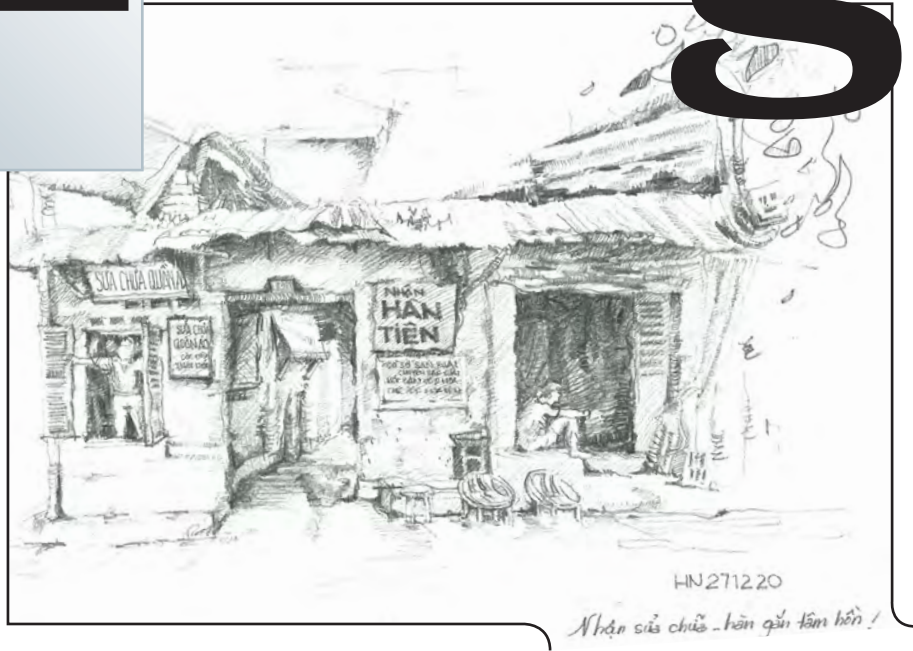
The attractive space is used by many participants, especially young people because this is one of the main roads here. Easy to access and convenient to use.





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# Lakeside

Alley No. 5, Sub-alley No. 38, Tu Hoa street

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Dinh Van Toan  
SID: 2027964 | 64KDNTC

The lakeside space is used for sightseeing, enjoying cool breezes, etc.

This is a spontaneous public space next to the main route of the area, with trees and a large lake, surrounded by beautiful and romantic buildings, etc.

The space takes the form of a sidewalk by the lake without barriers, probably unsafe for people. It is a spontaneous space by the lake, so not comfortable enough.

The space has no barriers in terms of origin, gender, age, job, etc. so people can feel free to gain access to this place.



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The main activities include sightseeing, relaxing, taking pictures, chatting, etc.



People like this space very much, because of the benefits it brings.

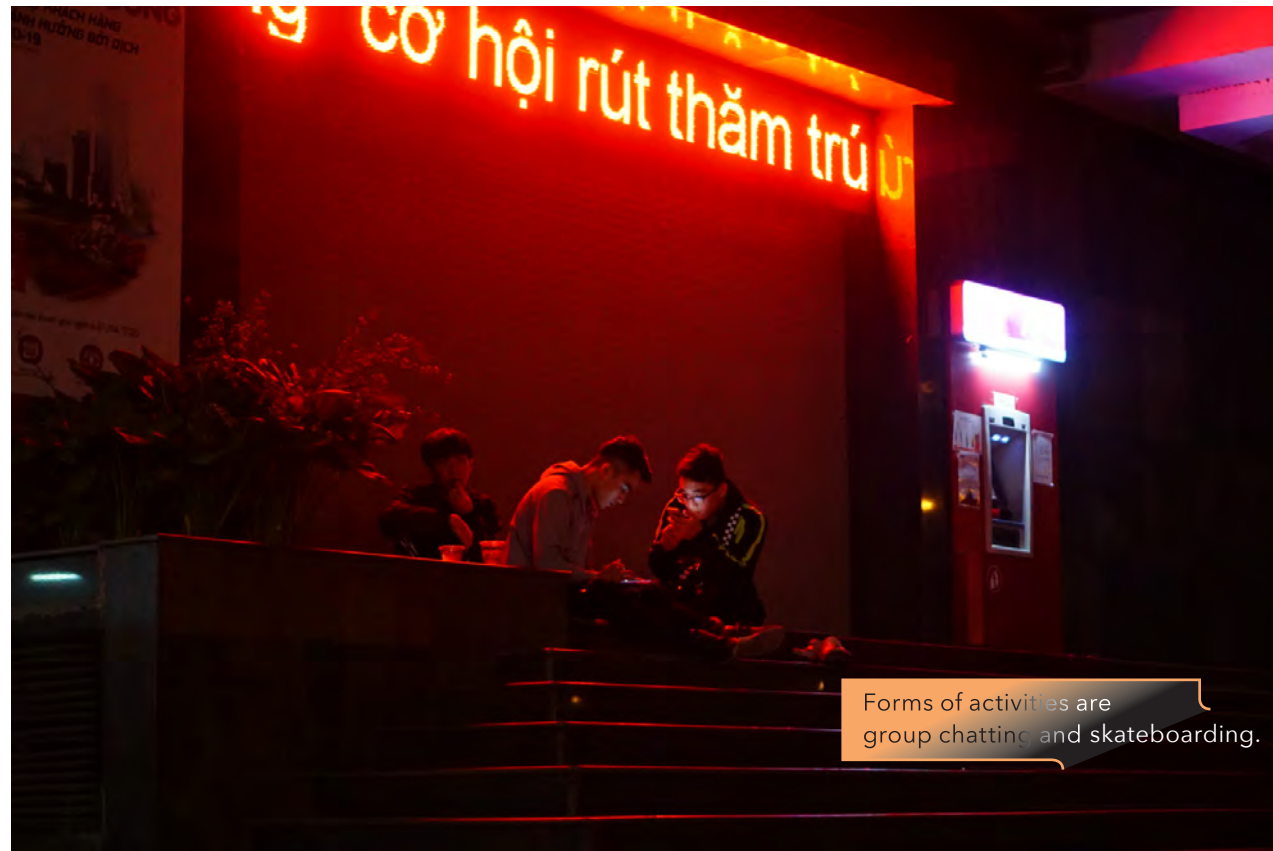
• This is a spontaneous open space, because of its features and benefits of the space itself. This space has many advantages, because the surrounding landscape, such as lake surface, and architecture attract many groups of people. Especially, young people come here to take pictures and enjoy the scenery. However, the space is somewhat unsatisfactory and fails to meet safety requirements, due to the absence of barriers

and small sidewalks near the road.  
• The space brings emotions to users, particularly first-time comers, but there are some potential risks of unsafety.

# Sidewalk

Near the crossroads of Minh Khai street and Bach Mai street

Tran Thi Thien Thao  
SID: 2034262 | 62KD4  
Vu Huy Manh Tuan  
SID: 2038162 | 62KD4



Forms of activities are group chatting and skateboarding.

Here is the area underneath a high-rise building with air inlets, so it is quite cool. Along the sidewalk there are many shade trees interspersedly planted.

Spontaneous space without amenities, the sidewalks close to Minh Khai roadside see a dense and unsafe traffic situation.

Users are mainly young people aged 18 - 25 living around the area, within 4 km.

The building management unit has placed a signboard prohibiting gathering and trading, but young people still use this public space spontaneously in the evening. This is said to be a cool space, the atmosphere is not stuffy and really quiet like in cafés. When conducting the survey, the group observed the facial expressions of this group of public space users, some teenagers looked very happy,

laughing and joking, the others were excited and passionate while skateboarding.

Linked with the building lobby, the sidewalk space here is quite large and airy, and in the evening no commercial activity take place here which makes this space an ideal area for teenagers to use the space for various purposes, such as entertaining and chatting with each other. Objectively speaking, this is a public space with sidewalks for pedestrians, so it is not safe for young people to play such risky games as skateboarding etc., and group gatherings cause an obstruction to pedestrians on the sidewalks. But the youth's activities make the deserted space of the past become more bustling and vibrant in the evening, and more meaningful as well. During the interview

with the group of people using this public space, young people said that they feel very comfortable and enjoy it with their friends. In addition, the area is quite large and convenient for skateboarding. Therefore, this public space is preferred by teenagers.



# Circle K

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The space in front of and inside the 24h Circle K convenience store.

The space does not only provide a full range of services and utilities, but is also comfortable and young people can feel free to perform whatever they like to do late at night, because the store is open 24/7.

The additional open space is used from the spaces in front of the next-door houses, because at night most of these spaces are closed and can therefore be used, the space is quite large and comfortable. At the same time, the convenience store also provides a full range of facilities, so it is very attractive to young people to come here in the evening or late at night.

The majority of users are students studying at nearby schools and universities or living in the neighboring settlements, apart from young people in the area.



Because of going out and using open space at night, there are no managers at all, and sometimes evils may happen. As a consequence, young people are often stopped by the government from using these spaces at night (required to go home).



The space is highly attractive to young people in Hanoi. It creates a culture called "Circle K culture". Young people love to come here because it is close, easy to talk to each other and is provided with a full range of facilities and services. Personally speaking, if these spaces are well organized and managed, this can be a very useful experience space for young people in Hanoi.

# Red River alluvial bank

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A recreational space and vacant land along the Red river.

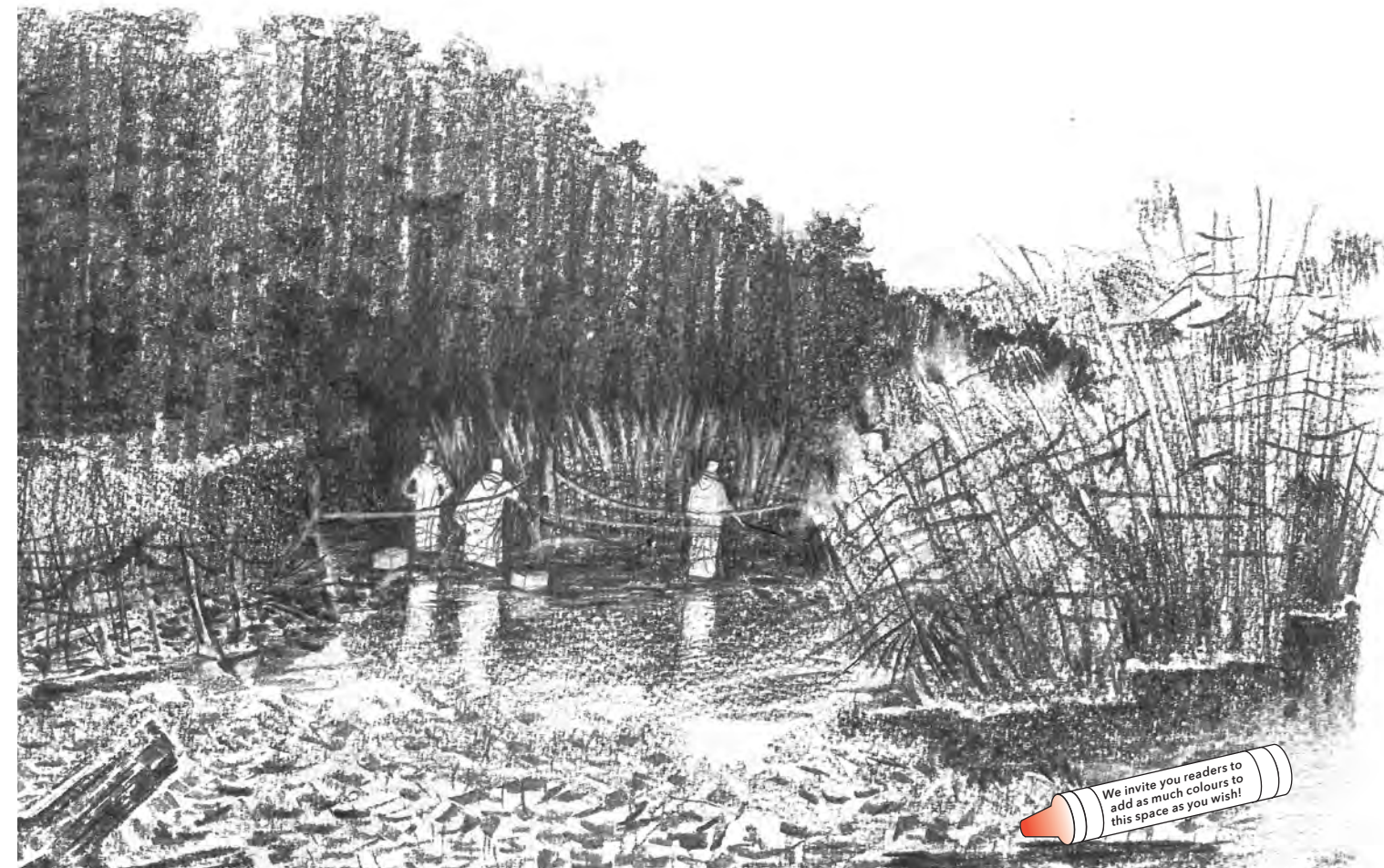
Many boats can be found in the riverside space. There is a tourist cruise harbor along the Red river, a wide viewing angle, with a small creek flowing into the river, many fish and shrimps, young people and older men enjoy catching fish and shrimps.

The quality of space varies from poor to very poor, depending on the time of the day and weather (when it rains the entire survey area is almost flooded, only a few mounds remained above the flood water level; and when it is sunny, the space can be used but there is a lot of garbage, fences and nets can be seen everywhere). There are no public amenities with sewage drains that flow directly into the fishing area (fishing is the most popular activity). Besides, the mudflat has no barrier to the water surface, so it is rather dangerous.



The activities here are almost only fishing and watching fishing.

The users are mostly men in the vicinity who come to catch fish and watch entertainment. The activities are not diverse, gender and type of work are not, either. At the same time, it is a rather isolated and unsafe area, therefore it does not attract many people.



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Although the surveyors try to have an objective view that this public space is extremely polluted, there will not have so many fish, but after the interview and observation it is apparent that the participants turn out to be very passionate and really happy, and especially no matter if it is sunny or rainy, they are always present; people

have fun with the activities and do not worry so much about safety or pollution.

The space does not look attractive at all or not really safe based on the above reviews.

This space has considerably changed over the previous phases of the research, and since then it has also helped the project members have a different perspective on such a public space in the capital city, and the research problem in view of scientific study is very different from the actual perspective of the residents. That is the reason why this space does not provide so many data from photos and sketches, but it should be noted for the next phases of research, when it comes to orientation, renovation and improvement of public spaces for the youth.

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# Kiosks

This is a sidewalk for people to take advantage of the business, such as tea shops and snack stalls (all kinds of grilled skewers).

As a cool public space, shaded by leafy trees, the sidewalk cafes bring people a comfortable and pleasant feeling. At noon and in late afternoon, there will be mobile food stalls selling snacks.

The space is airy, influenced by dust and waste gas from motorcycles and also cigarette smoke. Especially, this is the place where the ward police often go to clean up the shops in order to avoid traffic congestions.

The main activities include drinking, talking to each other after school or office hours, people come here in large groups, and there are some Grab shippers as well, etc. They go to sit alone, no more activities can be found, even though the place is quite spacious, but clearly distinguished. People consider here their place to trade and also divide part of the road into lots to park motorbikes.



A disparity in the gender ratio becomes noticeable, male is the majority group. Because there are many men smoking and saying vulgar words, this space does not attract girls. Instead, they will choose tea shops or snack shops at the end of the alley or milk tea shops in Tran Dai Nghia street.



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Although it is a public space, this place is planned for use, but still managed passively from the ward police. It is a cool space shaded with leafy trees, people feel comfortable to talk with their friends without constraint. A user says that this may be an ideal space. If the street corner is redesigned, it will be a space that many young people choose to visit.

The girls will not choose this space to sit for a long time or they have go in large groups with boys, because they feel rather uncomfortable when they are alone. Men, when using this public space, feel more comfortable and sometimes the way they talk is less polite. There are few disputes between customers, mainly from sellers.

# Narrow street

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Sai Dong street



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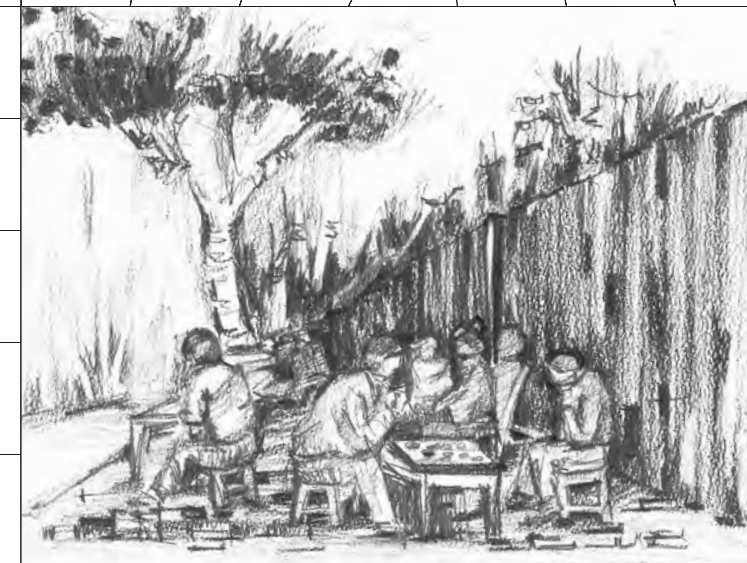
As the place is quite close to some construction sites, there are not many utilities, primarily for workers. Additionally, with a few street lights, the space is a bit dark in the evening, so people hesitate to go out.

Most of the users are workers from the nearby construction sites.

This space looks less attractive compared to outside spaces, such as courtyards of apartment buildings and parks.

This is a place for people to communicate in their daily lives, mainly workers from factories and construction sites.

The area around the place is not too large, the main utilities include the spaces for drinks, snacks and parties.





# Thanh Cong collective housing blocks

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There are no barriers, people from other settlements can come and feel free to use the space. There are many students from other provinces staying in accommodation. The space is open to people of all ages and from all walks of life.

This is a cool and airy space, with a large number of shade trees, the community space is quite large, with an area for people to do community activities and play sports. But since it is an old living quarter, the equipment is no longer good, and even unsafe for children to play. The place is polluted because it is near a street market, and there are many other services, such as motorbike repairing, etc.



This is an old residential area, with a community area for residents to meet and communicate.

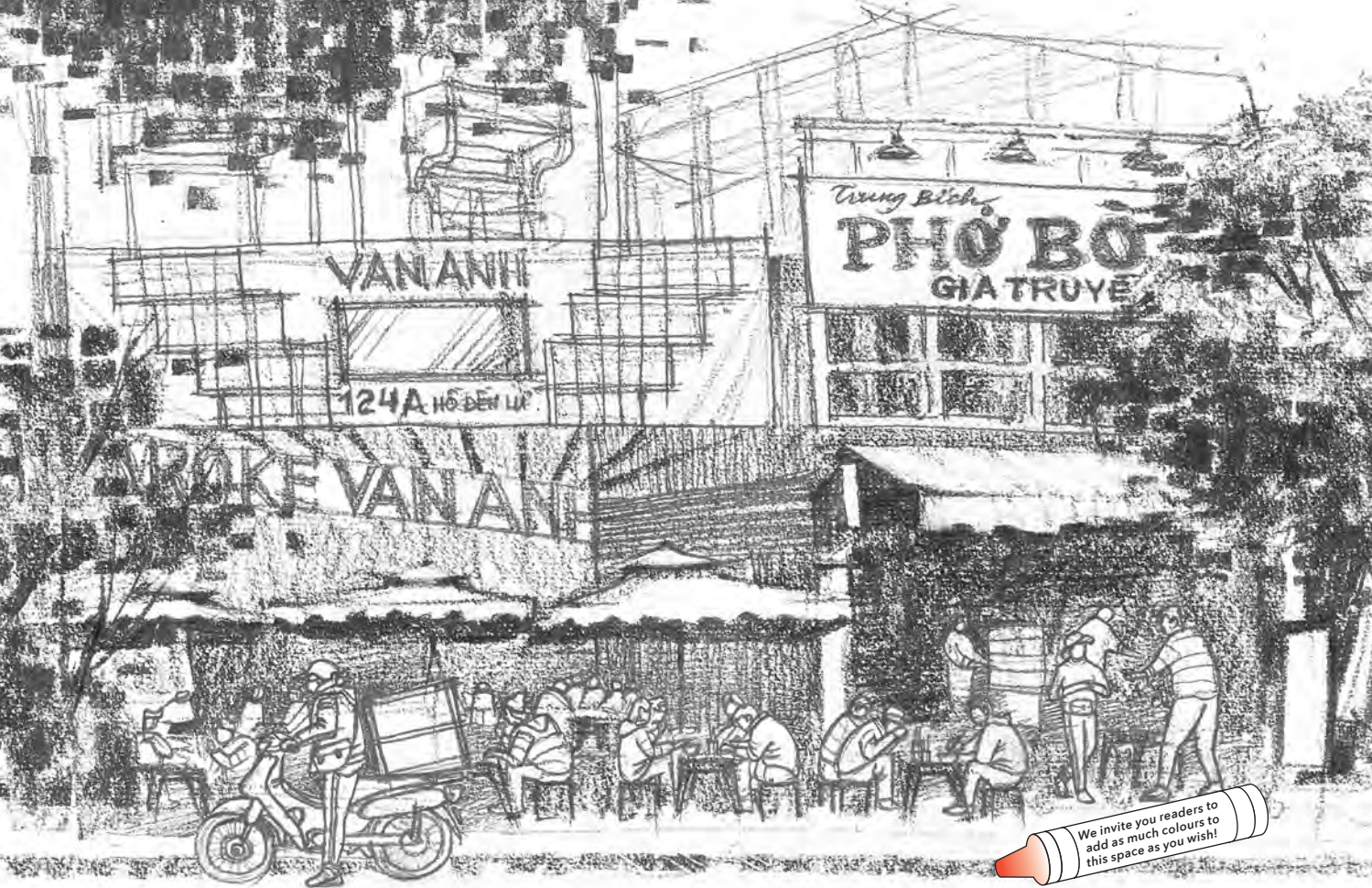
The space inside these collective housing blocks is always an area that attracts young people, because of the old features and nostalgia it brings. The public space has many shade trees, so the air here is cool, bringing comfort to the local people.



Because the space is used for the right purpose, for the local people to use, so in terms of activities, space, and atmosphere, the space is organized towards the human comfort. Aside from that, some spontaneous activities, such as selling in the market, can cause inconvenience to people.

The activities include community activities, sports, children's plays, shopping in the market.

Feeling happy, dynamic, cool and comfortable in this space, the user does not seem to be uncomfortable. However, as the place is located near the market, the air can sometimes become unpleasant with odors. As many people say, it can be rather dangerous at night because there are many thugs around, and thefts happen occasionally.



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# Lu Temple lake

Empty sidewalks, promenade routes, outdoor gymnasiums

The space around Lu Temple lake shows a variety of activities, from eating / drinking and sidewalk cafés to walking pathways, jogging, promenades, tea shops or outdoor gymnasiums for exercise.

The sidewalk is mainly used from early morning to mid-morning time to sell food and coffee. Furthermore, there are teashops open all day. Here it is possible to see people of all genders and ages, mostly teenagers and working people. The big barrier when accessing the space here at night is that there are many young thugs, groups of rough guys, karaoke girls, so people who go out for a walk or exercise feel nervous and afraid.



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The design quality of the space is varying from moderate to good. Outdoor gymnasiums equipped with machines, trash cans and walkways are fully paved and show no signs of damage. The sidewalks are of average quality, the tiles in some places have been broken, and the chaos in parking motorbikes can be found here and there.



People regard the space around the lake as a park, and the sidewalks as a place to stop and eat like every other place in Hanoi, as a special feature.

The most popular activities include having breakfast, drinking coffee, drinking tea or juice, doing exercise, walking, jogging, chatting, etc.

The space looks quite ordinary in terms of both safety and attractiveness, without many highlights, but because there are some social problems, for example prostitution and other illegal activities, and public lighting is inadequate, the space remains unsafe and unattractive in the evening as well as at night.



# Play-grounds

Giap Bat ward

As a public space for residents of Giap Bat ward, located in the center of the ward, next to Tam Village church, the space attracts a large number of parishioners and local people.

This place has no distinction of age or origin, everyone can feel free here. The space is zoned and integrated with many amenities, so it becomes more and more attractive. Specifically, the building is characterized with two spaces inside and outside, the outer space adjacent to the road is an empty space, partially used by a next-door teashop to sell drinks all days and street snacks after school hours (due to the proximity to the primary and secondary schools), and as an extension of the road in the rush hour at the end of a working day to avoid traffic jams. This area is also sometimes used by the church to serve as a parking area on major holidays. The inner space is the main play area, including a badminton, shuttlecock and gym area with full equipment.

**Hoang Thi My Hanh**  
SID: 2008064 | 64KD2  
**Pham Thanh Hien**  
SID: 2202964 | 64KD3

This space was renovated a few years ago, so the equipment is new, the design quality is good, with clean air, spacious and open view, and a regulation has been fully written. Although the place is integrated and used for various purposes, the activities do not conflict yet well interact. The space is relatively safe, because it is a public space mainly reserved for local residents, but the equipment for children to play before the renovation started has not been removed, probably dangerous to the users, as those things are old, broken and unsafe.

Although the space does not have any problems related to gender or origin issues, there is a disadvantage in terms of location because this space is next to the church, and not widely known as it is located in an alley. In the evening, this is the busiest time because the participants only have free time at the end of the day.

The space includes many activities from playing shuttlecock, soccer, badminton, cycling, roller skating to doing exercise, chatting, etc. Most of the young people come here to play shuttlecock or soccer and chat with each other. A special feature is that young people here play and participate in activities with people of other age groups and there is almost no gap.

The space is little known but turns out to be an ideal space to use, many people come here because the space is associated with their childhood and even more attractive when it becomes spacious and clean.



The space has shown some attraction to a certain extent, people feel very close and pleasant when approaching the space and they are attracted while passing by, because the space is used all day long. The space is safe thanks to its location, but the percentage of female participants is still rather small because most of the users are male.

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This is a spontaneous space thanks to its historical values, beautiful landscape, interesting and exciting space in view of young people. However, because the space is spontaneous, it lacks requirements about hygiene as well as safety, and seems to be somewhat illegal. The space brings many emotions to users, especially newcomers.

The most common activities include sightseeing, drinking coffee, playing cards and talking.

Young users appear to be happy, friendly, with no negative feelings about the space or about other users.

The space on the roof of the building is fenced, but most of the fence is old and rusty, causing unsafety. This is a spontaneous space by the lake, not fully equipped, groups of young people come to use it without proper awareness, causing pollution and leaving a lot of garbage.

This space is not suitable for children to run and jump, actually it can only be used as a place to relax, not appropriate for all age groups.

This is a space with a little bit of nostalgia, a place to connect the past with the present, evoking nostalgia, attracting young people to come to relax, enjoy the scenery and have fun.

# Seaplane terminal

Nguyen Dinh Thi street,  
 Tay Ho district

The local authority does not allow access to the space because the building is old and pollutant, due to the unconscious users, but there are some young people who do not comply the rule. Apart from the legal factor, no other barriers in terms of gender, culture or origin can be found. There is no age barrier either, however children should not go in for safety reasons.





**Hoang The Vinh**  
 SID: 2040661 | 61KD1  
**Nguyen Long Vu**  
 SID: 2037763 | 63KD6

Users are diverse and mainly made up of students, people residing around the area and also workers from nearby construction sites.

The space is quite quiet, with few amenities around, suitable for sports practice and can be used as a meeting place of the elderly.

There are many construction sites in the neighboring areas, so very few people live nearby, that is why the park is not well kept. When the darkness falls, the park is not properly lit, thus it can be a dangerous place where social evils may happen.

The space is large and airy, a right place to exchange activities among people living around the park.

The area is quite spacious, providing enough space for many groups of users.

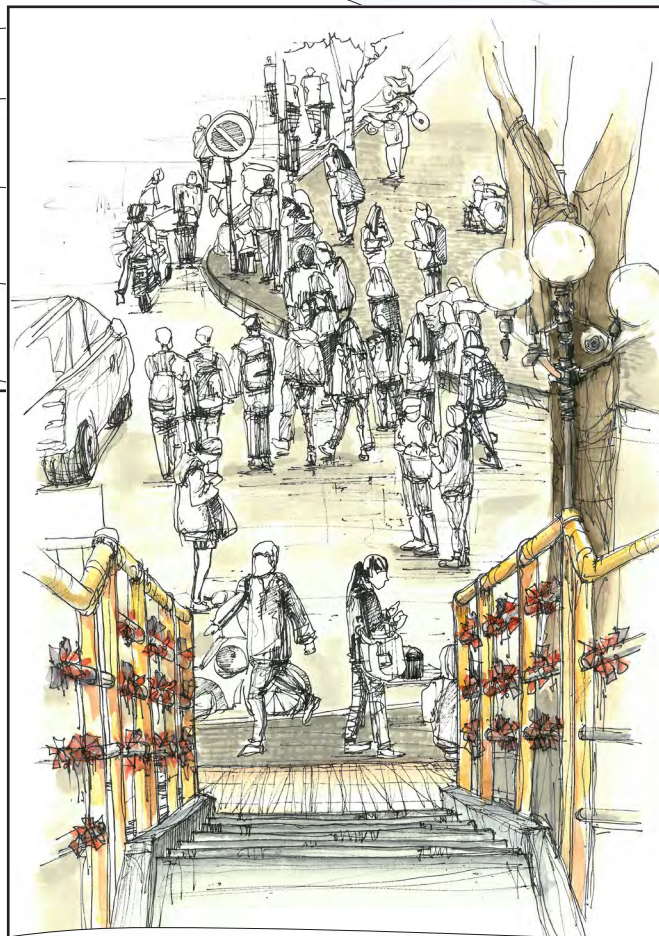
This is a green area with water surface around Sai Dong lake.

# Sai Dong park



People feel comfortable while using the space for many different purposes, but most of them are not satisfied with the hygiene quality caused by unconscious young people or other ignorant users. Consequently, many waste dumps can be found in the street and give a negative feeling to passers-by.

This is a sidewalk used by people when they go back and forth, but also for other activities, even though there are signboards that prohibit walking.



# Underneath the footbridge

National Economics University, Tran Dai Nghia street

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SID: 2003862 | 62KDNT



The main activity is walking, but it is possible to see other activities, for example sports training of middle-aged men in the morning or afternoon, food and drinks, volunteer groups with various activities, for instance haircuts, blood donations, etc. or even a place for many homeless people to sleep.

Because this is the sidewalk located next to the university, it enjoys shade from the trees on the university campus as well as the trees planted along the sidewalk. In addition, with a so-called ideal width, the space underneath the footbridge is often taken up for spontaneous business activities, such as teashops, food carts, or a place to have a rest for motorbike drivers and especially the volunteer activities of students.

Although not allowed, such activities still take place. Most of these activities are meaningful or noted for great mercy. If the space is used more consciously, then such activities should still be allowed with better awareness of the users, without negatively affecting the cityscape or taking up too much space for daily use.



Taking advantage of favorable conditions that most of the users are young people, so small shop owners just need to put a few tables and chairs then they fulfill their goal of doing spontaneous business. As for the homeless, it can be a place to sleep or to have a rest for motorbike drivers. Also because it is a public road, the space is easily used for any purposes that people wish.

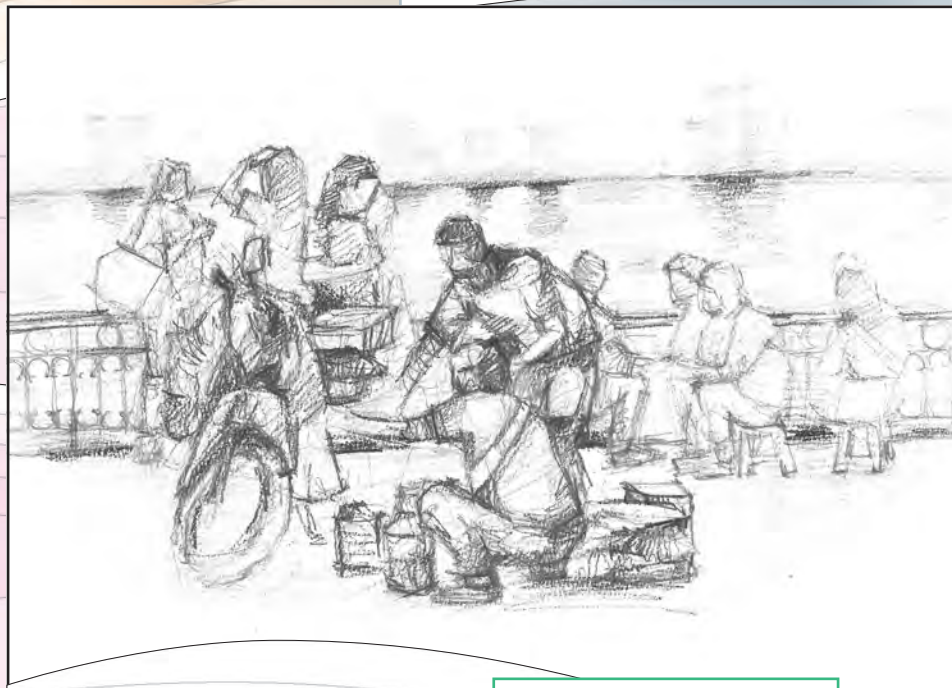
For people in general, the space is almost free in terms of use for walking back and forth, so it does not obstruct or prevent the access of the users. But for such a reason, the space is excessively occupied. Consequently, people have to walk on the road when unauthorized spontaneous activities are taking place on the sidewalks.

The majority of users are teenagers living in Hanoi and tourists, some users are people living around Ba Dinh district, near Thanh Nien road. They come here to do exercise or take part in activities.

The space is very attractive to people, especially the youth. Therefore, it is recommended that people should "visit West lake once they arrive in Hanoi". Young people love to come here because it is a romantic place, open and easy to talk. Personally, if the spontaneous hawker service is well organized and managed, this will be a very good space of experience for young people in Hanoi.

**Hoang The Vinh**  
SID: 2040661 | 61KD1  
**Nguyen Long Vu**  
SID: 2037763 | 63KD6

The area is spacious and airy, particularly beautiful at sunset, so it attracts a large number of people and tourists to come and walk around the area. Young people often come and enjoy lemon tea and chat, practice sports, and especially take pictures.



This is a large sidewalk in Thanh Nien road, next to West lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda, etc.



The space is the sidewalk, so the street vendors can be a big problem. The walkways for people are occupied by street vendors. In addition, prices at street stalls are not controlled. The street security staff come to deal with the sidewalk occupation of street restaurants and stalls, but when they have gone, everything will be the same.

The area around this place is quite convenient and comfortable, because of the broad sidewalks and the nice view of the large water body - West lake. At the same time, there are also a few basic services to meet the needs of young people, such as water vending machines, street vendors selling lemon tea, Ho Tay ice cream shop, etc. Located next to crowded Thanh Nien street, the area is relatively good in terms of security.

# Thanh Nien road





**Hoang Thi My Hanh**  
 SID: 2008064 | 64KD2  
**Pham Thanh Hien**  
 SID: 2202964 | 64KD3

Children use the space to ride bicycles, play with balls, jump with ropes, and play games together. Adults and middle-aged people in the area use the space to talk, communicate and do exercise to keep fit. Young people come here just to chat, sing, relax, take pictures and interact with one another after stressful and hard working school hours at school or university.



Young participants feel quite satisfied with this space. Although the space is not too large, it is beautiful and enough for them to check-in, relax and do the things they like. Many young people just want to quickly take the time to hang out here and meet their friends, smoke some cigarettes, sing and talk. This space is almost a fortress of their own, where they can express themselves as much as they wish without feeling hesitated or fear of being judged.

As a public space of K17 collective housing block, the space consists of an open-air gymnasium and a large area to organize common activities for the local residents, such as meetings, congresses, elections etc., or simply for people to communicate.

Although K17 collective housing block is rather old and the residents are mostly middle-aged and older people, thanks to the location of the area - very close to universities, high schools, and student accommodation areas with very relaxing, beautiful and elegant cafés, it attracts so many students. The café offers outstanding singing activities, sometimes it is also organized into a small music show for everyone to exchange and stay connected.

The space is very safe with fences to separate the area into zones, and also with easy-to-read regulations for the use of the public space within the area. The space has a courtyard with modern, new and full-range fitness equipment for training. The outdoor space is large enough for soccer, cycling, meetings, etc. This part of the yard is sometimes still open when Air Raid Shelter Café would like to expand the space as the number of guests increases, especially in the evenings and on holidays. This is a multi-functional space, attracting people of different age groups to participate in the activities.

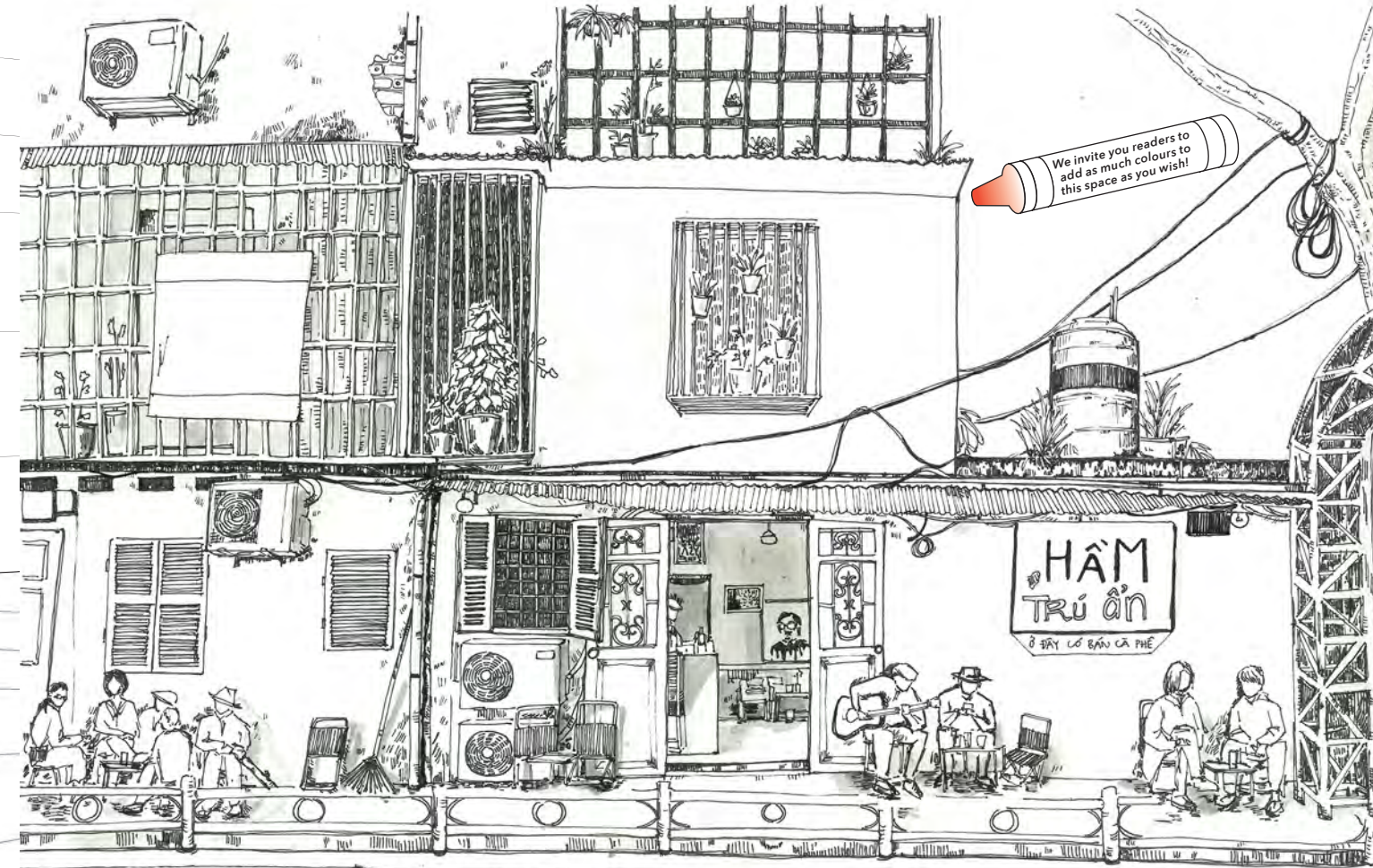


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# K17 collective housing block in Bach Khoa ward

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K17 collective housing block was originally an area for immigrants, and it today attracts many students, so there is no distinction in origin but a difference in activities between groups of age and gender, as well as time to use this area subject to the types of work. The activities within the area are only really bustling and diverse in the evening, from 5 to 8 pm, because this is the break time after office or school hours, and especially crowded on weekends. The gym area is mainly used by the middle-aged group, the open courtyard is preferred by the children, while young people come to the area to enjoy the space associated with the café. The space attracts more males than females, and is somewhat negative when some young people come here to smoke vape, tobacco pipes and sometimes they say obscene words.



The space is attractive because of its style and exterior design, with an old-fashioned and silent beauty, and is really appropriate for young people when they want to relax and enjoy some kinds of entertainment. The special attraction of the space is that the café is decorated in accordance with the surrounding landscape and with the nostalgic style that has become popular with young people today. Activities are also diverse, ranging from singing and photography to chatting, and many activities are planned and

prepared by the café owner, such as playing cards, board games and some books, tobacco pipes, etc. Participants are residents and students who are well-educated and at the same time the space is fenced off with specific regulations, therefore it is safe and conflicts rarely happen. This is an outdoor space and particularly known for entertainment, so it attracts mostly the boys, and although the girls participate in some activities, their time frame and number of activities are not as diverse as those of the men. This space is truly appropriate for people of all ages and impressed by the activities organized. The participants feel very relaxed, they appear to be friendly and stylish, and especially a harmony between age and gender groups can be seen.

## K17 collective housing block

## in Bach Khoa ward