Living in the City
Design of a Traditional Residential Block in Downtown Shanghai

Abstract
The architecture style of this conceptual district enriches Shanghai character, inherits and develops traditional concept. The retail shops are arranged along the community street to enhance the convenience of residents, and utilize the space synthetically with high density. All the community is a public, open-minded, and sharing space in a whole, which constructs the platform for communication between neighbors. Through construction the circumstance of arrangement plants and theme sight garden, it provides health and environmental friendly living conditions for residents. The combination of traditional conceptual configuration of residential area and modern space organization could be the most appropriate way to fit with the modern criteria and live mode, which adapt to the construction of modern community in the center of Shanghai and the exploitation of residence in historic protection section. The potential value of nearby areas is upgraded to boost the renovation of the city.

Location:
The site is located in Downtown Shanghai, bounded by XINZA Road on the south, SHUNDE Road on the north, DATIAN Road on the east and GAOZHAOLI (LIULONG housing block) on the west. The site used to be XISIWEILI (LIULONG housing block), which was built in 1910 and demolished in the mid of 1990’s.

Contribution to the citizens:
... We attach great importance to the people living around here.
... We will try our best to protect their former lifeway.
... Public space couldn’t be alive without people.

Design Parameters
The south part of the site is a public park provided for the residents nearby (especially kids and the old) at this moment. It is strongly recommended to preserve this function in further development. Try to analyze the relationship between the public and private space in modern china.

Consideration for the residents:
... To transform the traditional structure of lanes in Linong.
... To utilize the traditional element of bridge gallery in Linong.
... To organize the units in 3D.

Design Parameters
The project should comprise residential, commercial and office buildings. The floor area of residential should be twice as much as commercial. There is not only high-density-low-level LIULONG housing but low-density-high-level buildings around the site as well. Try to analyze the relationship between the public and private space in modern china.