

途中的家 Roadscape

The design is based on the social observation and investigation of Shaxi Ancient Town and surrounding villages. The route is used as an entry point, we use some abandoned buildings or structures to organize the production space, communication space and festival activities of the village. In the process, the villagers can use their skill and idea to participate in building and engineering the space and events. All the space which has different activities is like warm home to connect this path, forming the scenery on the field road. On this basis, the village is able to develop well and villagers can own good life quality. In addition, it can also attract tourists from Shaxi Ancient Town to experience the original customs of the countryside, so that the villagers themselves and even with tourists could create more possibilities. The path we designed is just a catalyst, and villagers can think together and create new paths, activities and lifestyle.

01 Background



Nowadays, the countryside is not only alienated and avoided by cities, but also gradually abandoned by its residents. More and more local people go to big cities, so more villages begin to decline.

02 Site



The site is located at Shaxi ancient town in China which is famous because of Tea-Trade Route. However, the villages surrounding the town also become hollow and some buildings have been abandoned.

03 Investigation



- By investigation, we find three interesting phenomenon:
1. Abandoned houses in the field
 2. the tobacco factory between two villages (tobacco is planted widely at this area)
 3. self-built road for farm production.



04 diagram



villages are connected by vertical road, but no horizontal connection

food factory is used as entry point to connect village horizontally, forming a loop route for production

Along new road, abandoned places are activated and villagers add some new structures and organize events

The path can be changed according to local people's needs.

Village Market

village market is located in the field. Farmers can gather here regularly to sell their agricultural products.

ruins playground

Abandoned houses are used for children's playground. Children in the villages can meet together and learn together

under the channel for water delivery

The bridge is used for water delivery. Space under the channel is vacant. So, the villagers can use their building technology to create production space and communication space for themselves. Also, it can be used as landscape footbridge for tourists.

The Torch Festival

people can use abandoned tobacco tower to hold the torch Festival in the field

Rast in the field

field ranch

Stage

Stage is built with wood by local people. It is located in the field, people can sit on the ridge to see performance

Shaxi Marathon

people walk around the Shaxi ancient town at 8 April which is the traditional festival of the area. According to this, they can hold Shaxi marathon along the loop after the festival. Tourists and local people can participate in the event and experience the scenery of Shaxi

Bask mushroom & horst

The structures which are used for basking mushroom are scattered in the field. Visitors can experience planting and harvest

food factory

food factory is between two villages and used for connecting the village. Local people can gather here to produce local food and create their own brand

craft classroom

It is the Ben-Zu Temple which is used for local people to pay respects to ancestors. Because its utilization is low, so it can be used for craft classroom, such as papercutting and curving.

