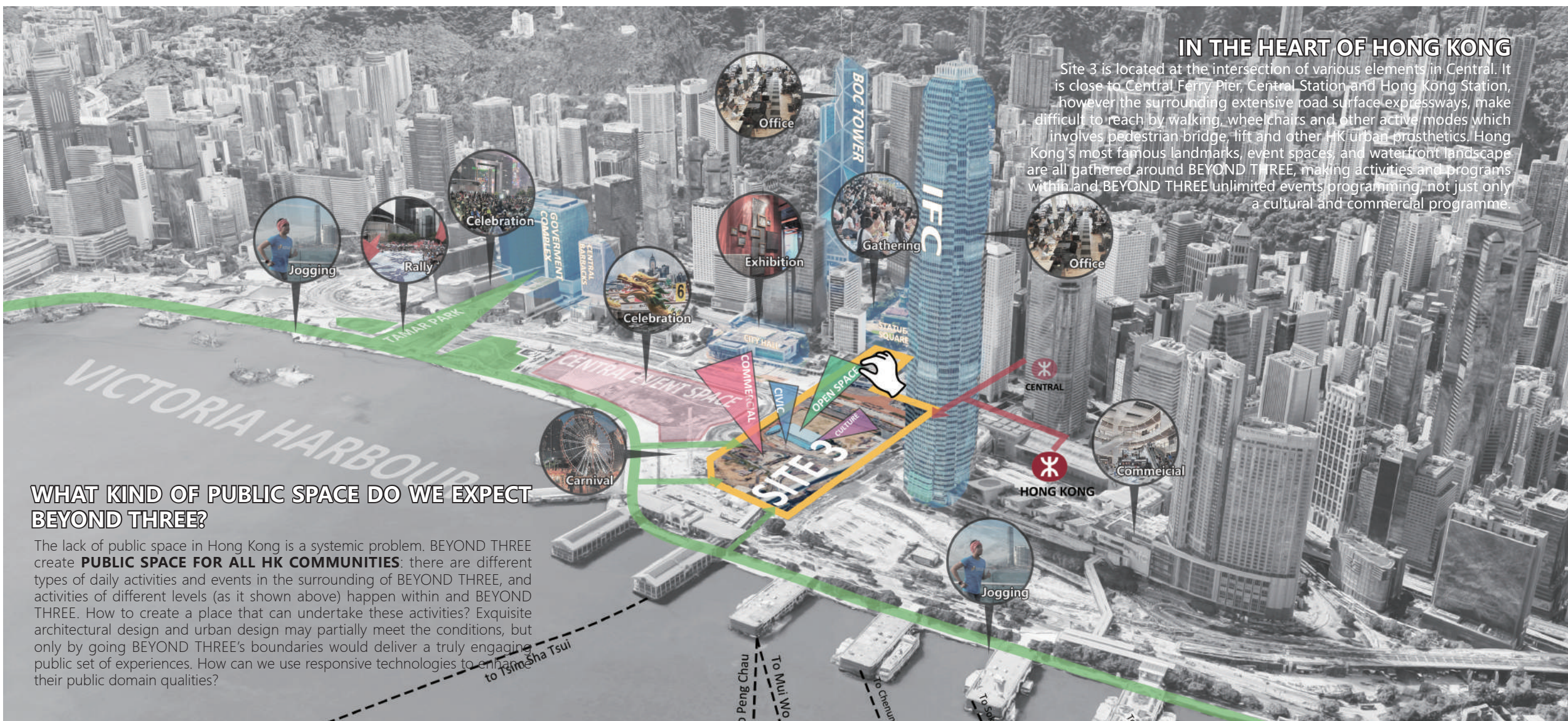


HONG KONG PUBLIC SPACE, A SYSTEMATIC CONCERN



VISION: BEYOND "THREE"

BEYOND SPATIAL DESIGN

FROM SPATIAL DESIGN TO SYSTEM DESIGN
Building up a set of public space development strategies and system that broadly create the "place" for all is more significant.

BEYOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FROM PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO SELF-ORGANIZATION
Traditional public participation in planning process is mainly a supplement of people's requirement. Can we let people and communities make their own space in a designed framework/system using horizontal technologies?

BEYOND SITE 3 BOUNDARY

FROM SITE 3 TO VICTORIA HARBOURFRONT
To create the public space for all, Site 3 is not enough. Let's make the harbourfront area connected as one continuous landscape belt which consists of a sequence of self-organized public space units, HK public space will be greatly improved, as well as the image of the whole city.

HORIZONTAL PUBLIC SPACE SYSTEM

WHEN PUBLIC SPACES AND EVENTS MEET INTERNET

PROTEST

challenge the symbol/ character
occupy/spit public space
express people's (free?) will
BOTTOM UP ★★

PLANNING

express government's / capital's will
(limited) people participation
shape the urban space indirectly
TOP DOWN ★★ **BOTTOM UP** ★

CELEBRATION

enhance the culture/ character
activate public space
fit into culture/community
TOP DOWN ★ **BOTTOM UP** ★★

INTERNET

express people's will freely and equally
community based on same interest
shape the cyber space directly
BOTTOM UP ★★

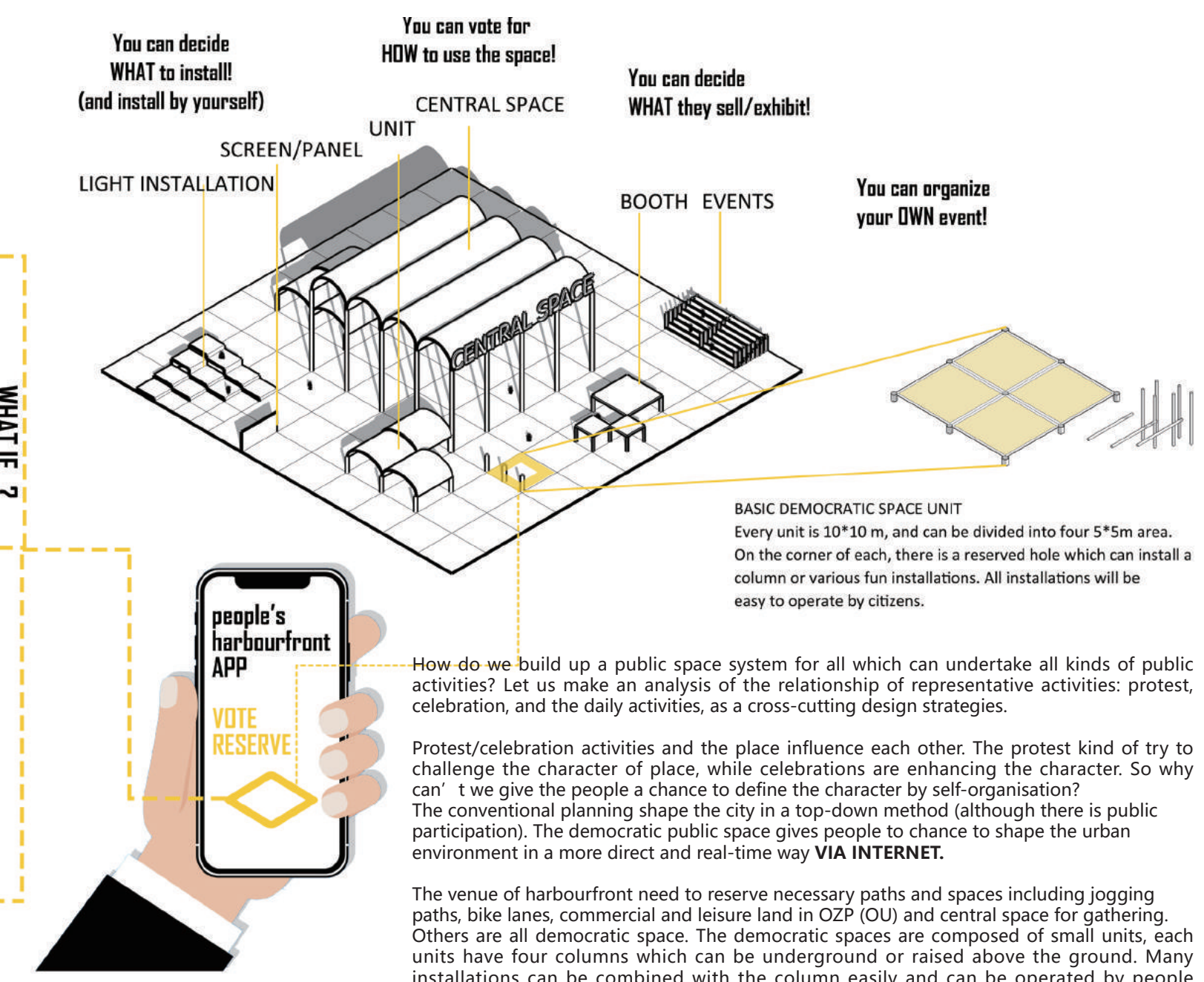
DAILY ACTIVITY

play with character
use public space
part of social life
TOP DOWN ★★ **BOTTOM UP** ★★

MANAGEMENT

express government will
Basically no public participation
maintain built environment
TOP DOWN ★★ **BOTTOM UP** ★

WHAT IF...?



USER'S GUIDELINE

CENTRAL PUBLIC SPACE
Central space is permanent/ semi-permanent. It is for the public use, so they can not be reserved for individuals. But citizen can vote for HOW TO USE.

BOOTH & KIOSK
There are some land reserved for booth, no matter food truck, art exhibition or small store. Citizens can vote for their favourite booth.

LIGHT PAVINGS
There are some area with pavings made by LED light and some installations can glow at night. They can be controlled directly by the APP.

USERS & APP
All HK citizens can register an account to vote and reserve via APP. But each user can only reserve a unit once a week.

DEMOCRATIC SPACE UNIT
The unit is a 10*10m empty land with port which can install various installations by citizens. The right to use it can be reserved by individuals.

SCREENS & PANELS
Screens and panels will be every where. Every citizen can upload videos and pictures to the cloud, and the higher the rank, the bigger screen can be used to play.

MODES
All venues mentioned will have different modes: summer/winter/celebration. Different mode correspond to different installations.

EVENTS
Numerous individual can reserve the hundreds of units directly to hold their events, no matter rally or festival. But the official have the priority to use.

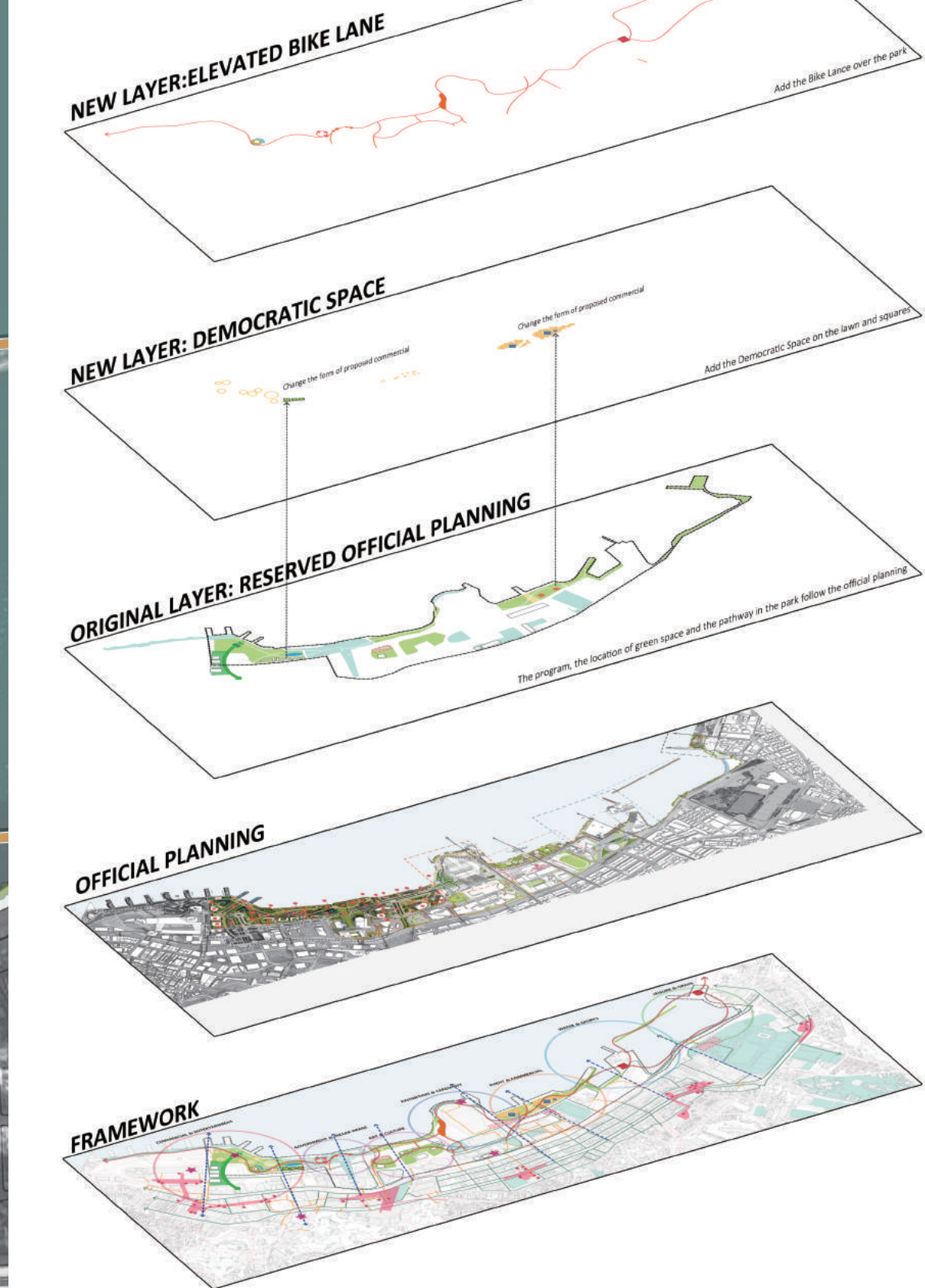
MASTERPLAN



The requirements of the original planning brief are indeed rational but lacks the space for diverse activities and events. BEYOND THREE programmes add layers to the original brief to provide flexible venue for horizontal self-organization mixing with the official events schedule. First, according to the celebration mapping, there will be seven functional districts from west to east: the Commercial & Entertainment, the Government, the Art & Culture, the Exhibition & Ceremony, the Event & commercial, the Water and Sports, the Leisure & Green. Second, the north south corridors reserve lane trees and linear green strip set along the streets in the corridors. Third, spatial configuration of linear park basically follows and re-enforce the design, including the location of green, waterscape and paths. Fourth, embed the Democratic Space on the lawn and squares, providing the flexible space. Finally, add the elevated bike lane over the park, which can give walking on wheel citizens the seamless tour experience in the Harbourfront.

* Some building forms of the commercial land are changed to flexible use, such as the commercial buildings in east and west (as shown in the diagram on the right). The pool can be used differently when it is empty, half-full and full.

LAYERS





BEYOND "THREE"

Communities Public Space Urban Design in Victoria Harbourfront

Here is the process of how an idea become an event in the public space in this system...

IDEA
Creativity from folk will be encouraged, and part of the crowdfunding and ticket income will be rewarded to the promoters.

PRIORITY OF USING THE VENUE

1. THE GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL OVERSIGHTS
The Government has the priority to hold ceremony and ceremonial activities in this venue.
2. EVENTS
The activities with the ability to organize and to promote the venue's activities can have the priority to use the venue.
3. COMMUNITY GROUPS
The encourage the community to carry their own activities in this area at the same time will have the priority to use the venue.
4. INDIVIDUALS
Individuals can promote the use of large-scale activity or directly promote the use of the venue.

THE PEOPLE'S HARBOURFRONT COMMITTEE
Management, Organization, Events Funding, Website and App maintenance



FUNDING OF COMMITTEE
Commercial activities and government funding will be the main source of funds for the committee. Other event planning ticket income as a supplement.

EVENTS HOLDING MECHANISM

3 months afterwards
2 months afterwards
1 month afterwards

INSTALLATIONS
By combining a variety of different parts, various activity facilities can be constructed. Some small units can even be assembled by the citizens themselves. Folded benches and the scattered-on wheels boulders offer opportunities for inventive and creative play.

WAN CHAI NORTH PARK

DEMOCRATIC SPACE UNIT TEMPORARY

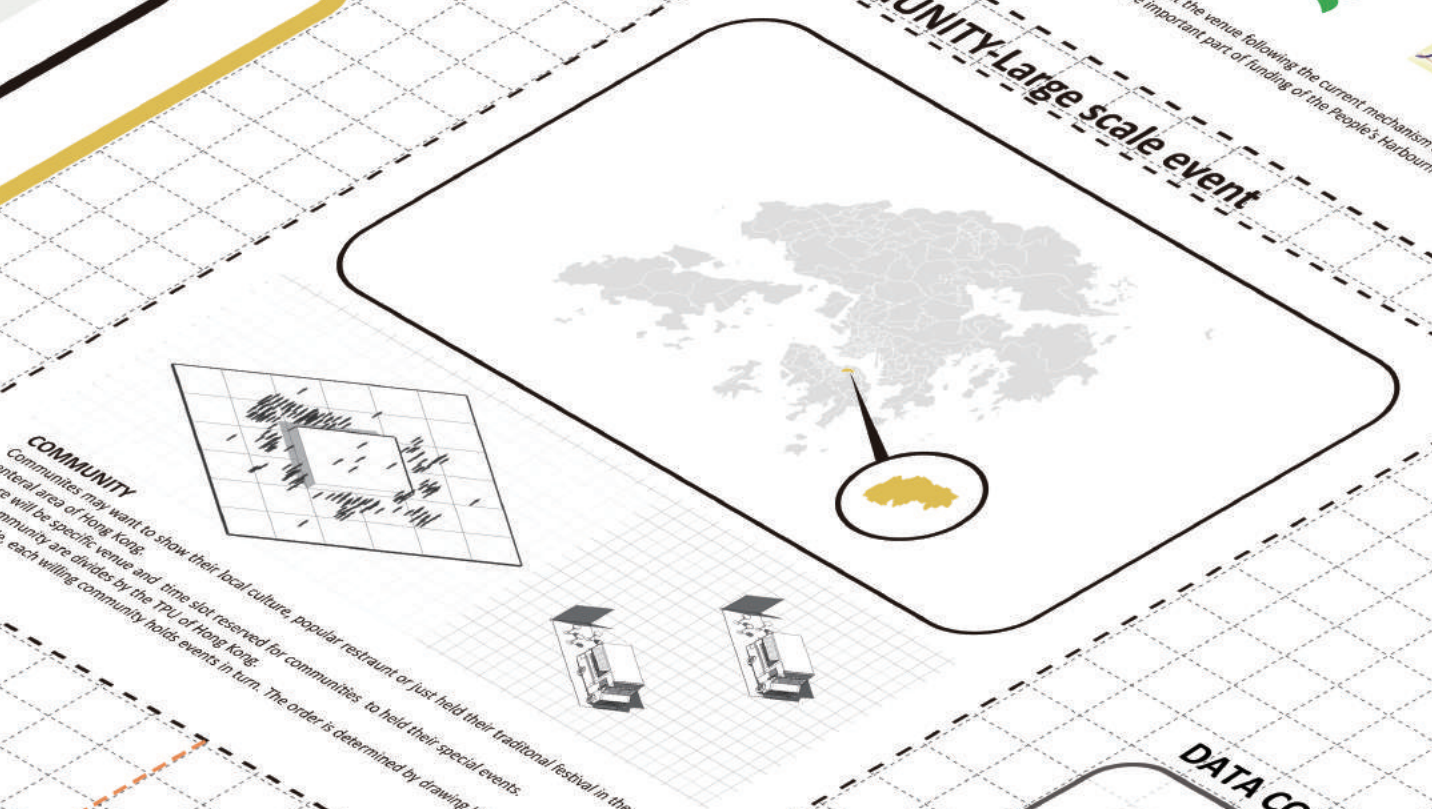
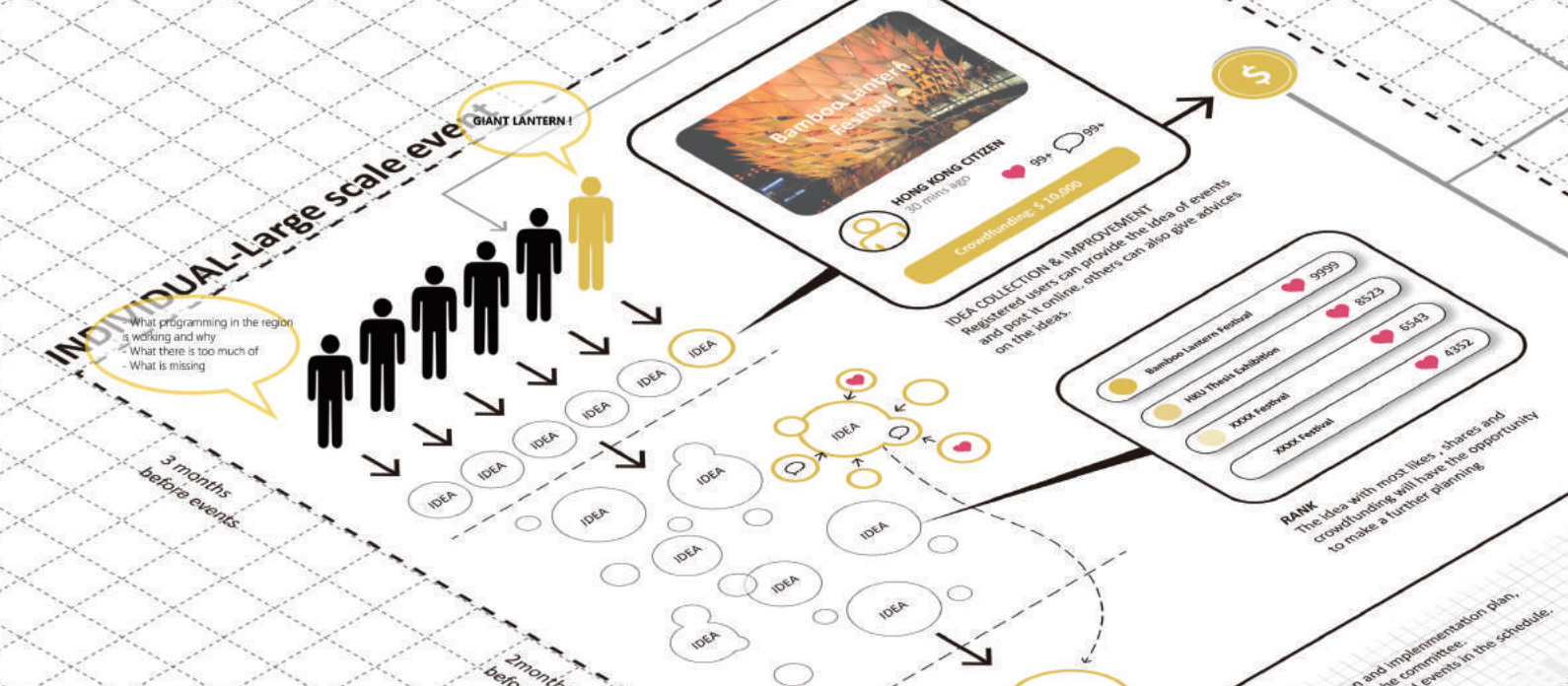
THE INFINITE ZEN GARDEN
During the cooler months, the space is used for community activities such as dancing and socialising. During the warmer months, misted water is then discharged into the space, which evaporate to create clouds. Day of the Waterfalls when the stored water is released and then falls on to the public space, always moving... Mist, pipes, clouds...

DATA COLLECTION & SELF-IMPROVEMENT
The FEEDBACK
People who buy the ticket via the App can comment on the events. The committee will refer to the feedback in the future usability evaluation. The current behavior data in the events will be collected by sensors and will also be used for analysis.

THE PAVILION: A SEMI-PERMANENT
DEMOCRATIC SPACE UNIT: B TEMPORARY
MAIN BIKE HUB: C PERMANENT

THE WATER MIRROR
the fountain provides multiple atmospheres including mist that people are instantly drawn to. A thin film of water entices people to interact with it, while also creating a compelling composition with the surrounding skyline reflecting on the surface.

REFLECTIVE POOL STAGE & AUDITORIUM: D PERMANENT
STATUS QUE
REVISED DESIGN





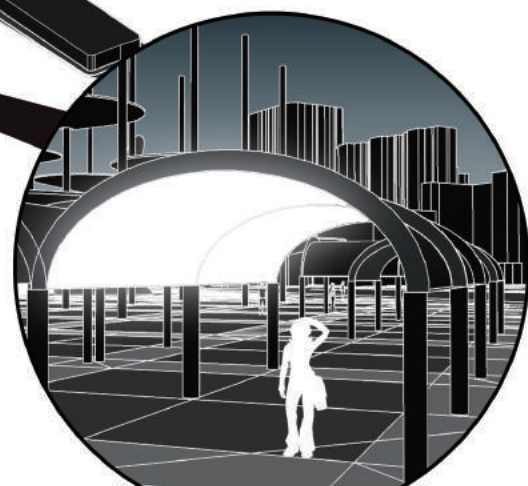
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NIGHT



Light Pavilion A



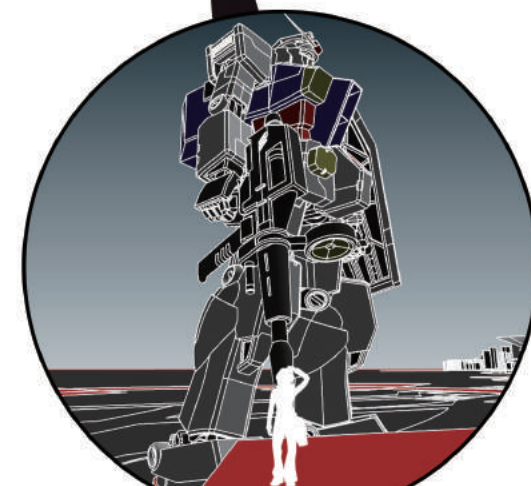
Light Pavilion A



Giant Lantern



Drone Show



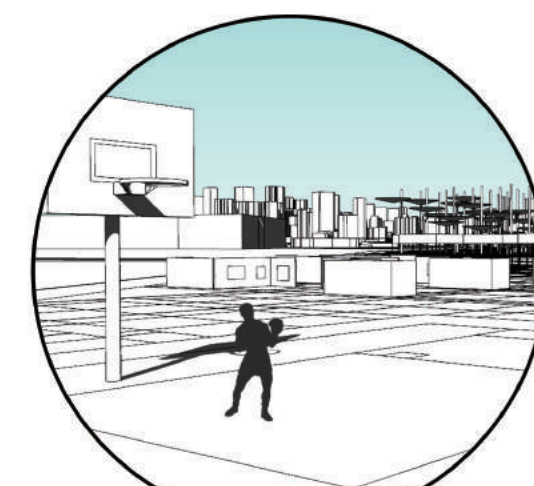
Robot Statue with light



Projection in the water mist



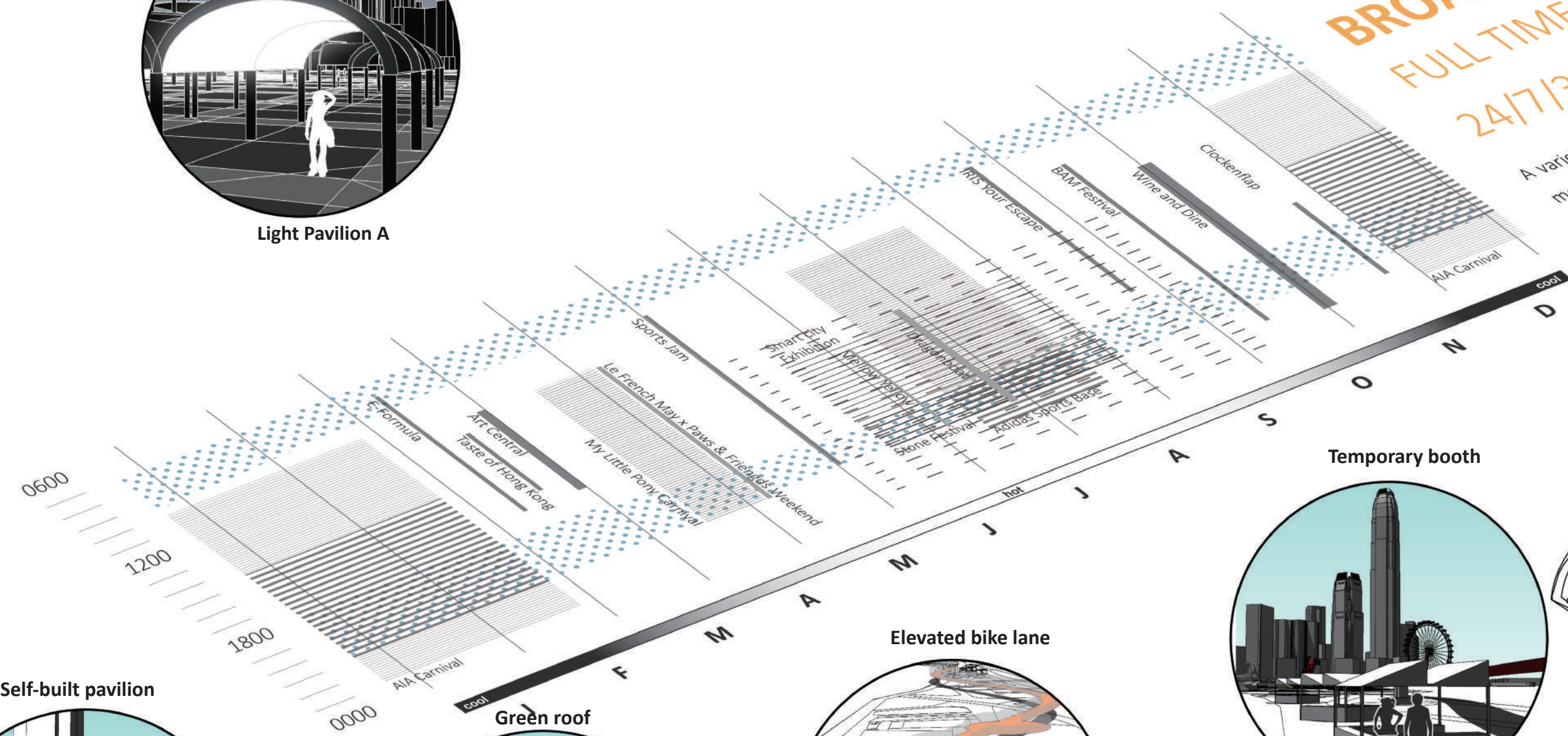
LED on the facade and ground controlled by app



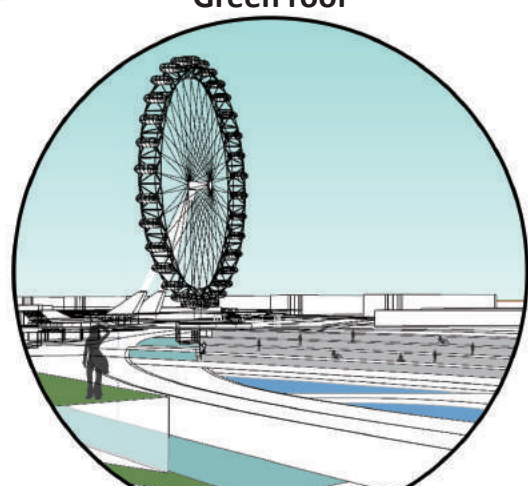
Basketball court

BROADER APPLICABILITY FULL TIME VIBRANCY HARBOURFRONT 24/7/365

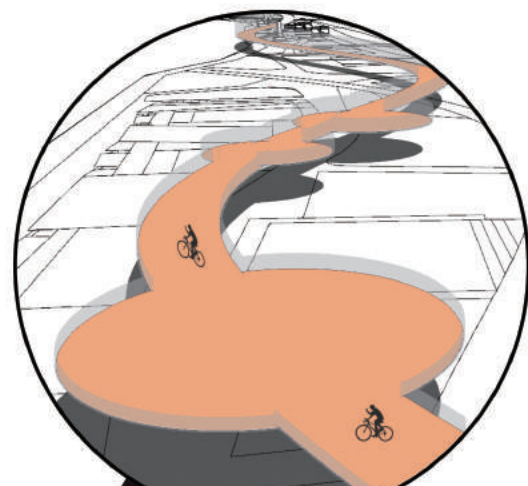
A variety of event venues and installations, flexible management measures, real-time venue reservations and rich event planning make the Harbourfront full of vitality 24 hours a day, 365 days a year



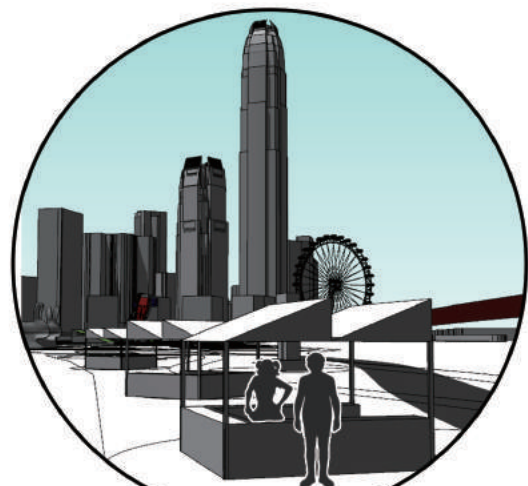
Self-built pavilion



Green roof



Elevated bike lane



Temporary booth

DAYTIME

1. Theme: civic programming & public spaces: horizontal public space

Although the planning process is combining top-down and bottom-up nowadays, and public participation plays important role in this process, but the process of place making is still total government-led. So why can't we give the people the right to shape their public spaces in the heart of Victoria Harbour? While keeping the commercial function, the planner and government can build up a frameworks/regulations of how to use self-organized and flexible public space, and provide prefabricated installations to make people be able to shape their own space.

2. Public benefits

The horizontal harbourfront is not only a traditional solution of place-making, but a symbol of civic spirit. It can provide both high quality public space and customized "private" space for all. Besides, it can reflect the spirit of open and democracy.

3. Connection

The spatial design of landscape deck basically follows the official scheme, which can create pedestrian path to the waterfront. Besides, an elevated bike & jogging lane is proposed in this programme. The self-organized spaces will also bring emotional/ spiritual connections to all citizens.

4. Broader applicability

The programme proposed a universal system of self-organized public space, and an overall design of Victoria Harbourfront from Central to Wan Chai North, making it a complete and continuous open space sequence.

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