

Supradith Chitagon 2011: The Urban Public Open Space Development Guideline for Urban Community: A Case Study of Bhutarech Plaza. Master of Urban and Environmental Planning, Major Field: Urban and Environmental Planning, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning. Thesis Advisor: Mr. Sarawut Preamechai, Doctorat 181 pages.

The purpose of the study is to describe a relation between an urban open public space and surrounded community. It is based on a theory that public open space is one of the most important elements of the city. Especially, it is not only create good urban environment, but also influence on social, economic, and cultural issues. From the study, the Bhutarech Plaza is a community public space that located in the mid of Bangkok historical district. It was renewed time after time since the increasing of population and growth of Bangkok. The development of community brings the new roles to Bhutarech Plaza, on the other hand, the transformation of the plaza also generate impacts to the neighborhoods.

The research provides an analysis of the relatives between social impact, economics, built environment and sense of community during the period of time. The means of study are site survey, observation, interview, and document research. According to the study, it reveals the significance of Bhutarech Plaza to urban community and also focuses on constrains and potential in development of the area. Seeking for physical environment refurbishment strategy, a proposed guideline for Bhutharech Plaza are categorized in three aspects, the neighborhood, urban district and city. In particular, an alternative approaches included policy and practice combined will lead to a better urban development.

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