

Nattawut Ratanasoonthon 2014: Public Spaces in Permit Community Identity for Existence of Culture Landscape Old Community Along Canal around Suvarnabhumi Airport: Case Study of the Old Commercial of Bang Phli Community Along Samrong Canal, Samut Prakan Province. Master of Urban and Environmental Planning, Major Field: Master of Urban and Environmental Planning, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Prasong EIAM-ANANT, M.Arch. 125 pages.

The objectives of this research are to (1) study the community settlement along canal around Suvarnabhumi Airport vicinity in the past to the future in order to evaluate the impact resulting from the change of land use, (2) study the use of public spaces in order to promote coexistence between the canal community identity and the urban development, which were found by means of interviews with the sample households in these areas, and (3) propose guidelines on using public spaces for community identity formulation, in order that the community can co-exist with the urban development.

The findings are as follows: Suvarnabhumi Airport vicinity has been changed from agricultural areas to communities, cities, business districts, housing development and industrial areas. Factors effecting the community settlements involve public administration policies and National Economic and social Development Plans. Moreover, the technology accelerates the development. The urban development in this area is intended for economic growth. Despite the change resulted from the airport development, the community can subsist because of community's strength and its cultures. A survey and interviews with people in the community reveal that 71.65 percent the areas along the canals have been used and 89.50% has undergone the change due to the need for trading areas. The guidelines on using public spaces for community identity formulation are propose as follows: people should participate in the area development. People concerned should implement the law and perform their duties, effectively. Moreover the local area development plan should be aligned with the airport development master plan.

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