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# INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY IN A VERTICAL CITY

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Smart Neighbourhood & Community: Connecting All Without Boundaries

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## Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation



PolyU Design

**Vision**

To become a leading institute to **trigger social innovation** in all dimensions of the society to improve the **well-being** of the community and people

**Function in PolyU**

1. University Social Responsibility - providing a **platform** to nurture and empower community members to become social innovators to tackle society's 'wicked problems'
2. Create opportunities to extend PolyU's **academic, social and knowledge impact** by making use of the departments' **applied researches**

2018-2021 Strategic focus - "Double Ageing"

Research & Practice areas - Social Design, Urban Planning, **Environmental Design, Design for Elderly, Universal Design, Accessible / Inclusive Design**, Design Thinking Education, Good Seed (Social Innovators Incubation).....



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## 4 Regional Landscape of Social Innovation



**1 Smart Home**  
Improving Quality  
Living of Elderly



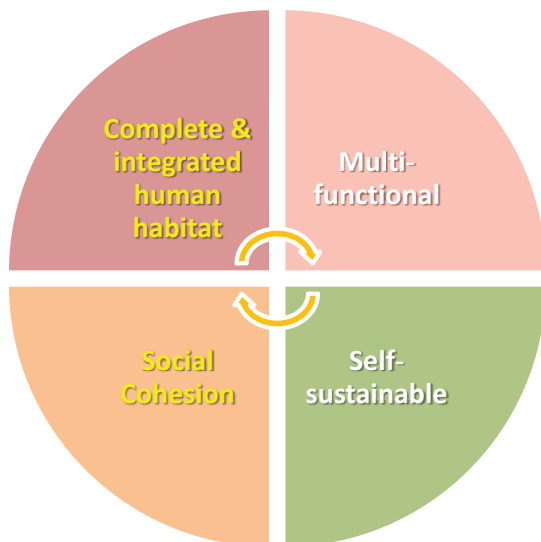
**2 Smart Building**  
Achieving Sustainable  
Buildings



**3 Smart Neighbourhood  
& Community**  
Connecting All Without Boundaries



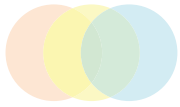
## VERTICAL CITY 共生 • Symbiosis



Kampung Admiralty (WOHA)

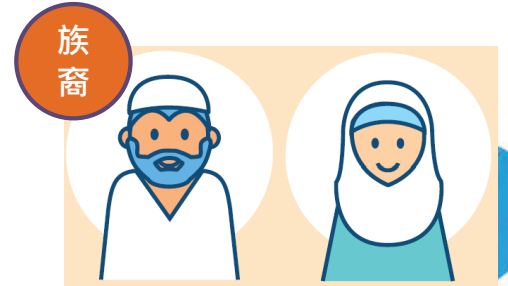
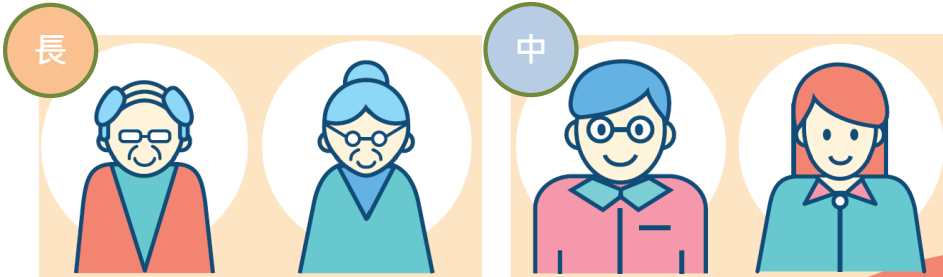


Vertical Village (OMA)



# INTERGENERATION (IG) & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

跨代、多元文化、共融社區

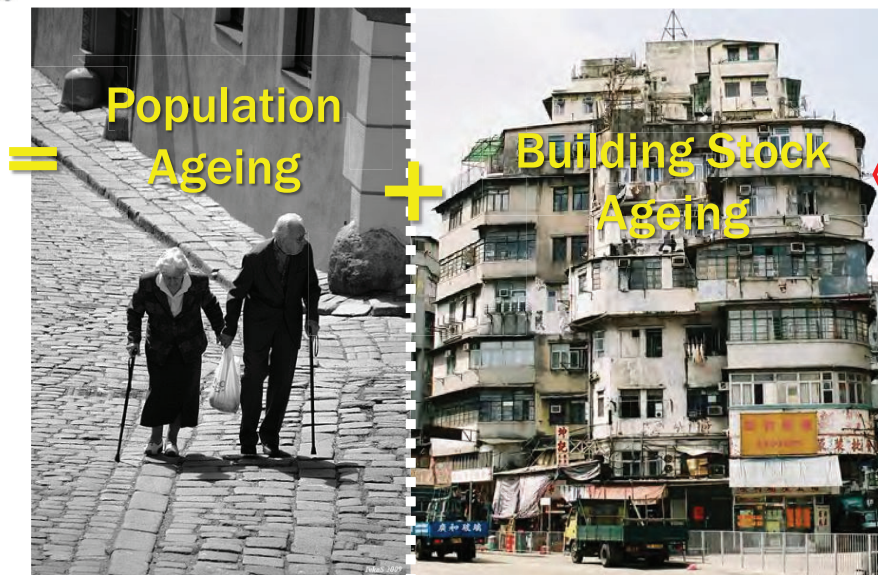


## Strategic Focus – Double Ageing

Tackling **Double Ageing** (雙老化) with **Double Smart** Solutions!

“Double ageing”

In a high density vertical city



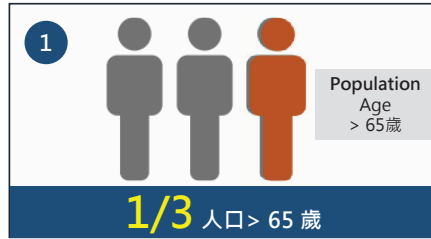
Smart Ageing in Smart Buildings & Neighbourhood

Requires ..... Translational Research & Transdisciplinary Collaboration

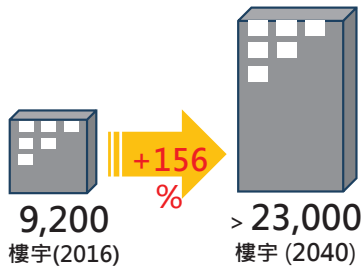
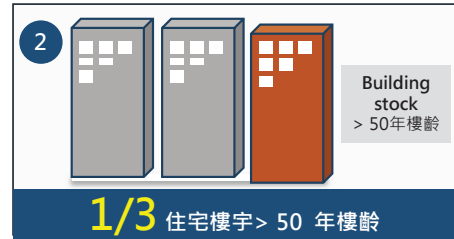
# 香港「雙老化」趨勢

## Combined outlook on population and building ageing in Hong Kong

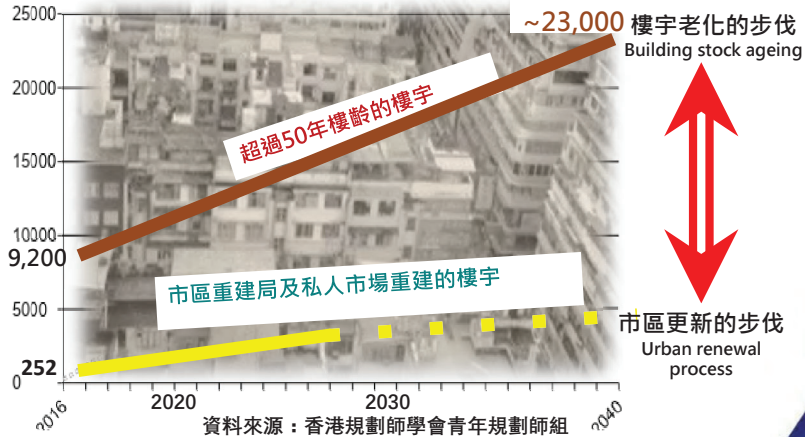
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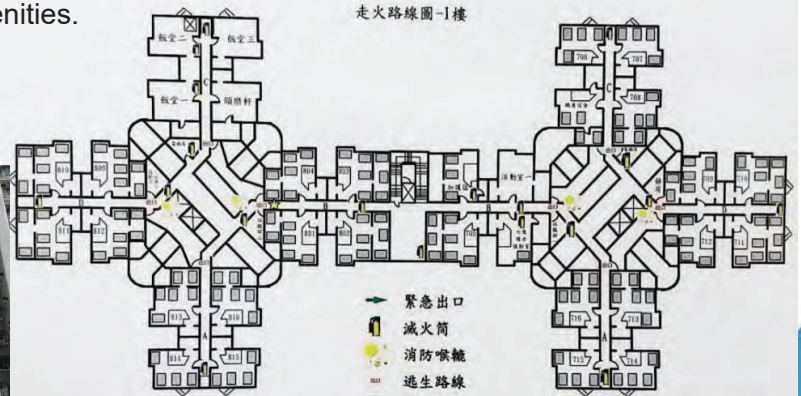
(Urban Renewal Authority 市區重建局, 2017)



### Elderly living in Vertical City

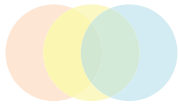
Typical elderly care homes in HKG's public housing blocks (GF & 1/F) with little outdoor amenities.

(Limited day light, natural ventilation, access to nature & outdoor space/activities)

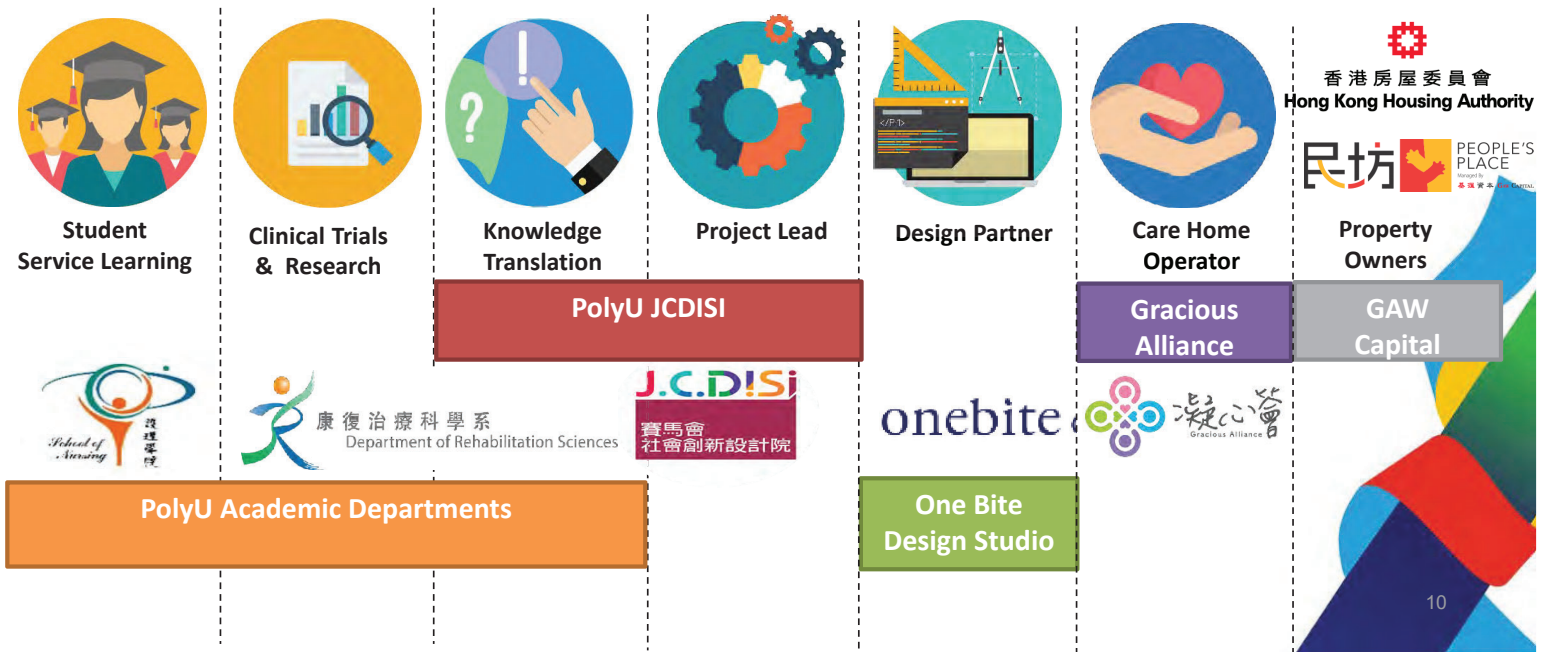


“Harmony 1” floor plan  
32 households  
82 authorized occupants  
vs  
125 beds @7.5 sqm

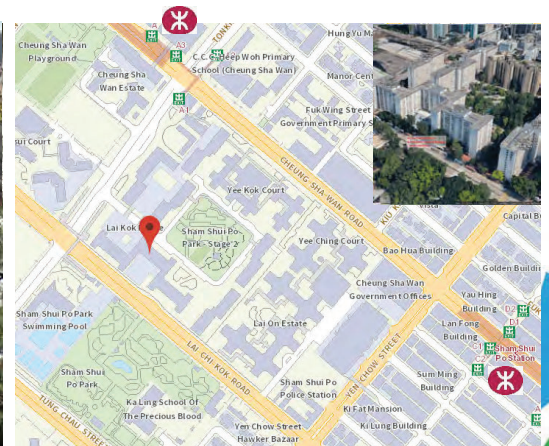




## Cross-discipline + Cross-sector collaboration 跨學科+跨界別合作



## ACTION PROJECT: LAI KOK ESTATE 行動項目：麗閣邨



Type of Estate: Public Rental Housing  
 Year of Intake: 1981  
 No. of Blocks: 8  
 No. of Rental Flats: 3 000  
 Flat Size (m<sup>2</sup>): 11.2 - 39.4  
 No. of Households: 2 800  
 Authorized Population: 6 500  
 (All figures as at 30.6.2020)



# ACTION PROJECT: LAI KOK ESTATE

## 行動項目：麗閣邨



LAI HUEN HOUSE



鮮活街市

NGO SOCIAL SERVICES & PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE



COMMERCIAL COMPLEX (Including shops and wet market)



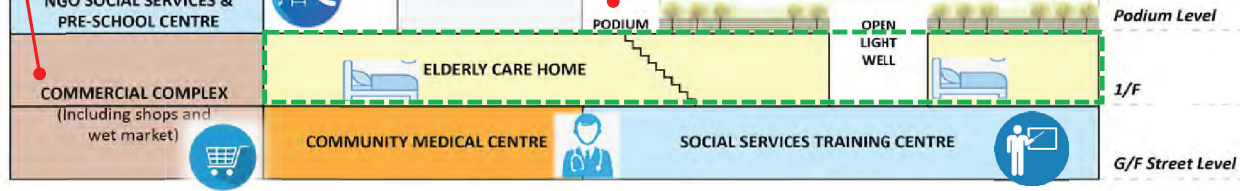
COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE



SOCIAL SERVICES TRAINING CENTRE

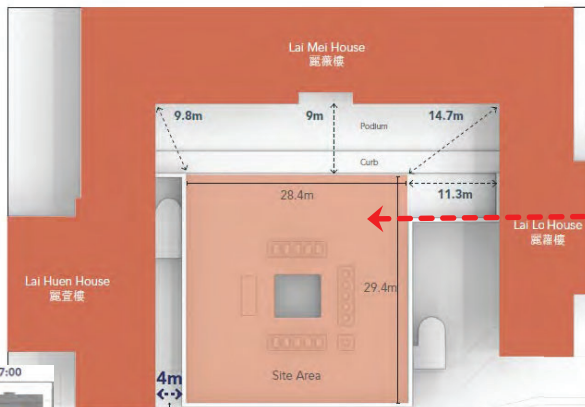
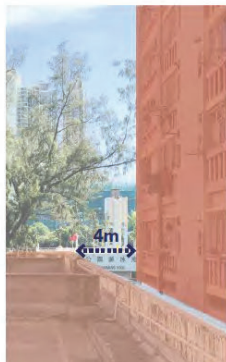


INTERGENERATIONAL THERAPY GARDEN



# ACTION PROJECT: LAI KOK ESTATE

## 行動項目：麗閣邨



Close proximity to Lai Huen House



Site Area: 28.4m x 29.4m = 835m<sup>2</sup>

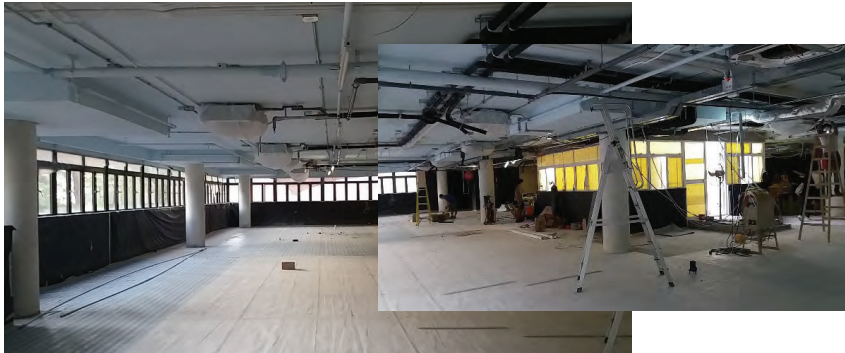




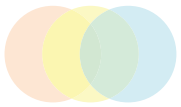
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行動項目：麗閣邨

Construction Progress 5/11/2020



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## INTERGENERATIONAL

THERAPY GARDEN 跨代共融治療花園

### Objectives

1. Transform “**vertical**” challenge to achievement through active walking journey
2. Promote **social connection** in a vertical city – create community cohesion & symbiosis
3. Promote **intergeneration interactions** - turn family visit (to the care home) to a fun and family activity.

### Design tools

**Holistic Environmental Design** – a continuum of human-centric design consideration across all ages, culture and abilities, encompassing Design for Elderly, Inclusive/Universal Design, Salutogenic Design, Evidence Based Healthcare Design such as Design for Dementia. <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Luk CW. (2019) Guide for Vertical Building Design for the Elderly in Hong Kong · [J]《南方建築》華南理工大學建築學院期刊2019, v190(2):13-18

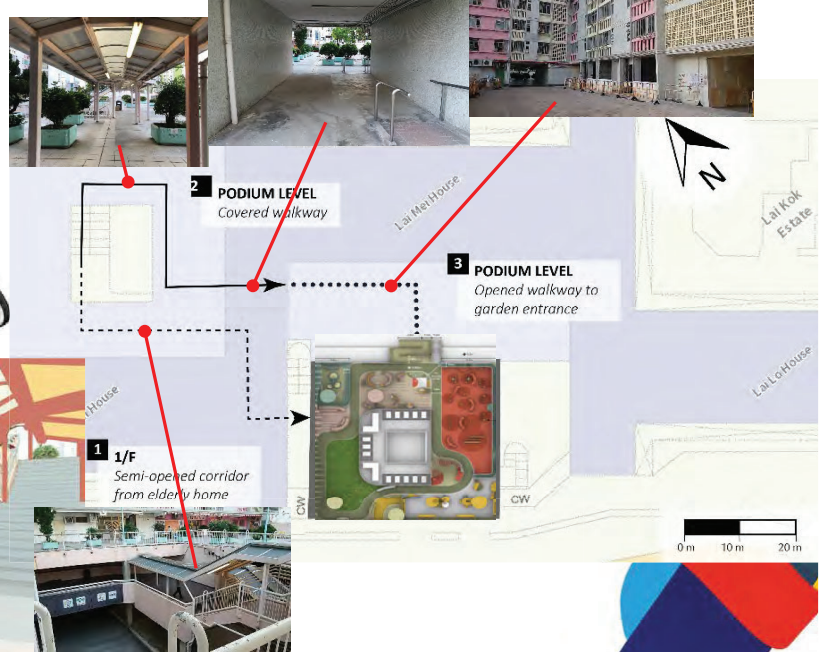
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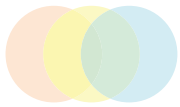
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## JOURNEY TO ROOF GARDEN

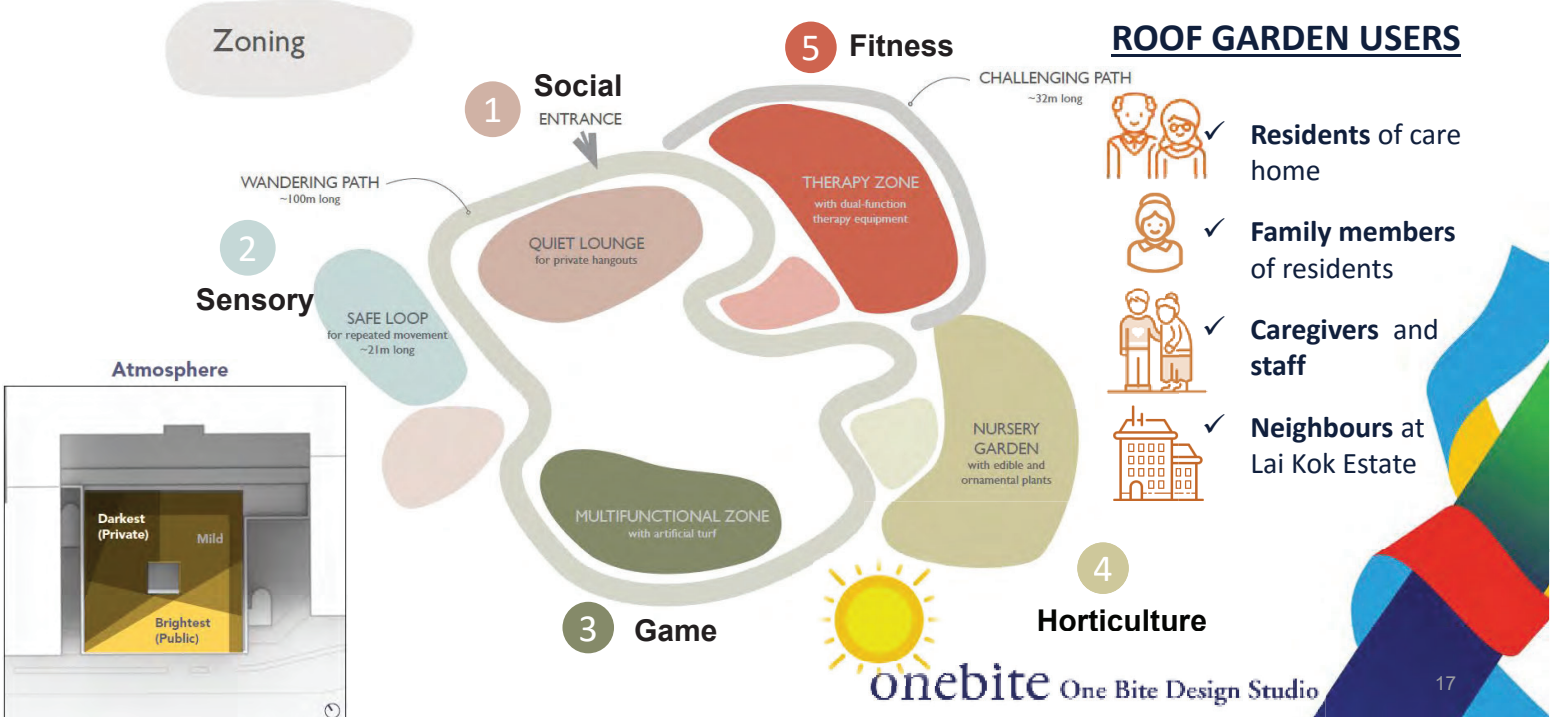
- Vertical challenge – “stepping up” to fitness
- Reinforce **journey experience** through iconic features (graphics/objects) on floor/ceiling along staircase, covered walkway all the way
- Wall with **speech bubble frames** encouraging conversation and reminisce



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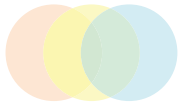


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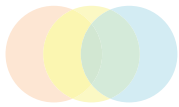
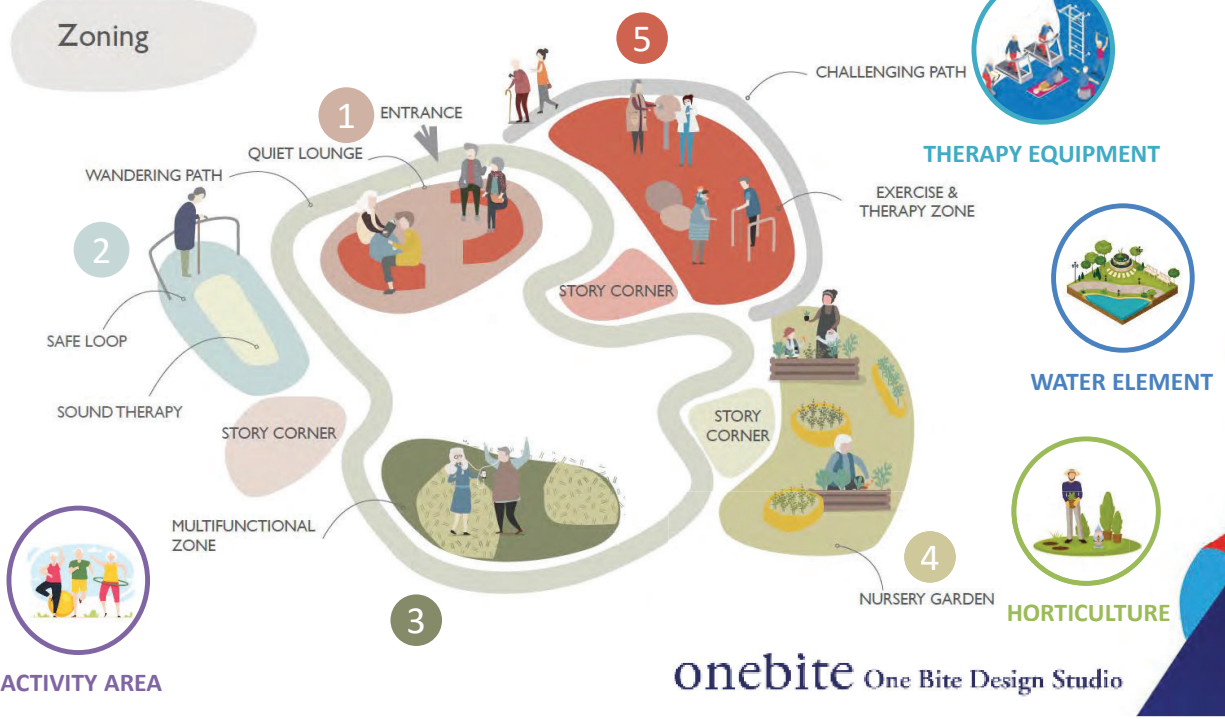


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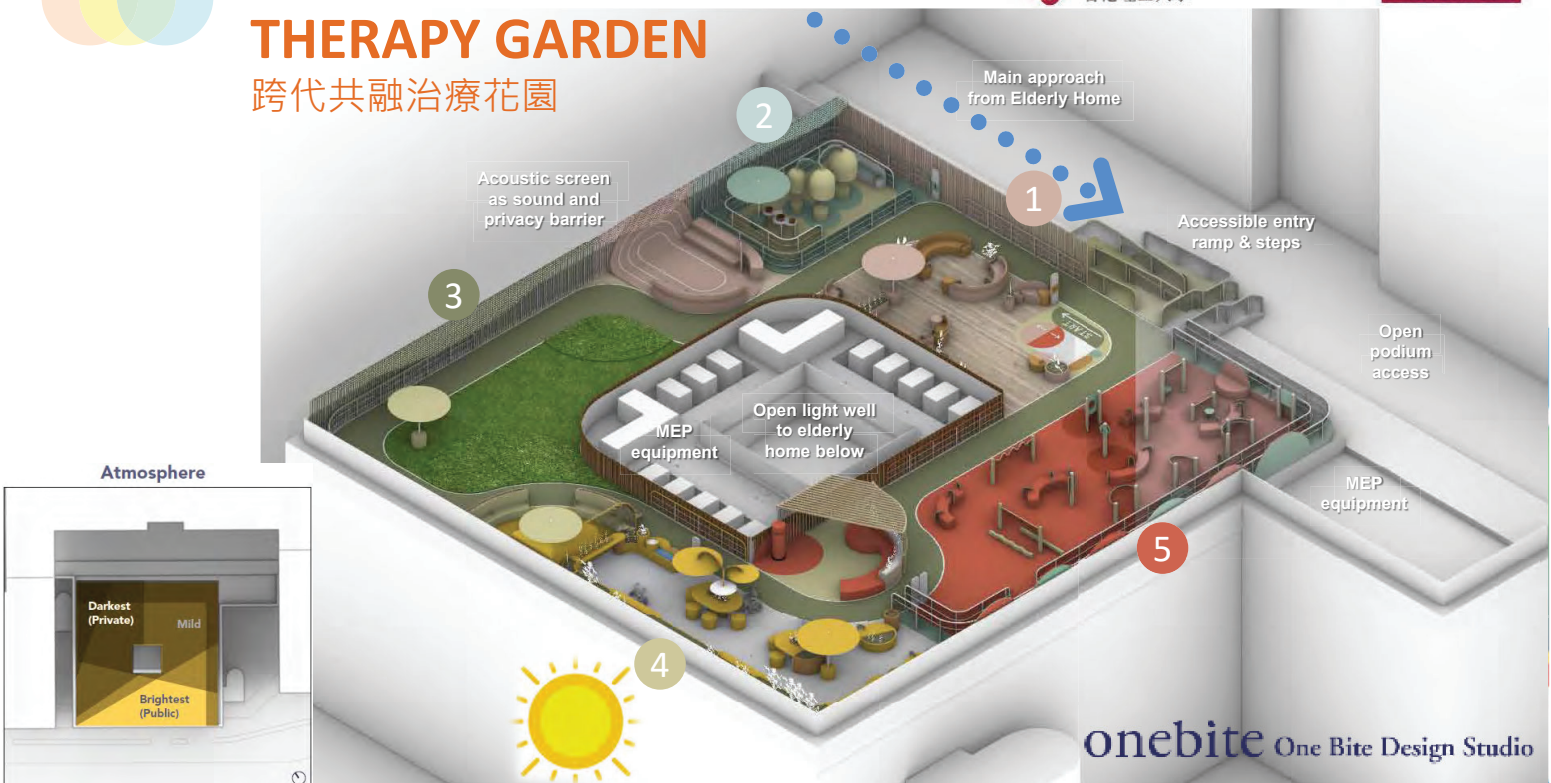


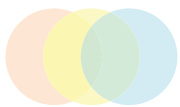


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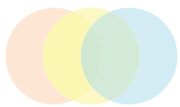




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## ENTRANCE PLAZA

- Barrier-free **Accessible** entrance with ramp & double handrail
- Start of the wandering path
- **Colourful floor graphics** to welcome visitors and provide a better sense of direction and orientation for elderly users
- **Eye level signage with pictograms** to demarcate each zone

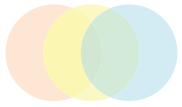


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## 1. QUIET LOUNGE

- **Variety of space for different level of social interaction** – family/small groups to intimate/personal.
- **Inward-facing seating** to encourage communication
- Seating with higher **back rest and handles**
- **Feature planting** to prompt conversations

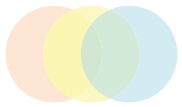
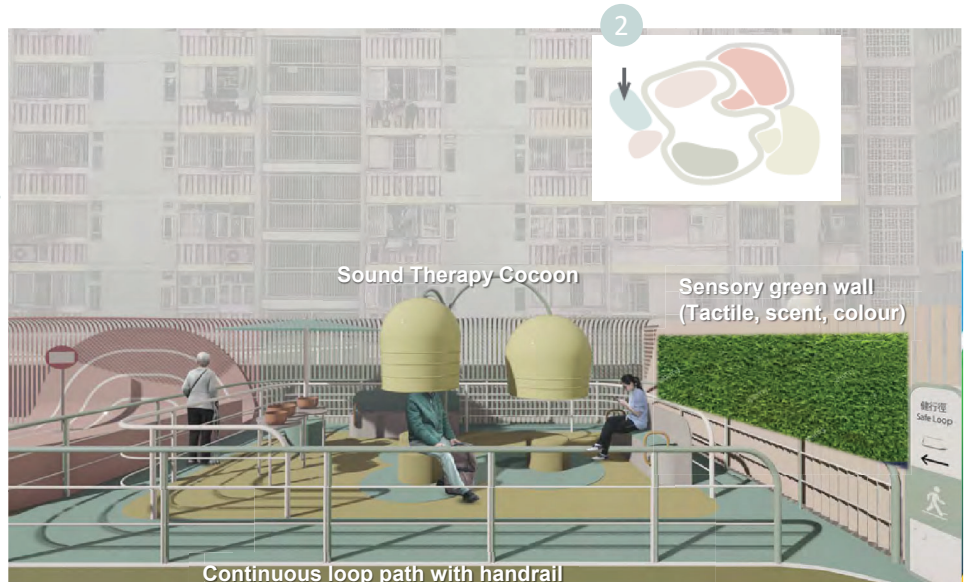




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## 2. SAFE LOOP

- **Continuous loop path** w/multiple sensory restoration elements incl. water, scent, flowering plants and other tactile features.
- **Sound therapy stations** with lighting and sound player installed inside collapsible cocoon
- Continuous handrails
- Detachable parasols for shading



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## 3. GAME / SPORTS ZONE

- **Artificial lawn** for a wide variety of games & sports facilities to provide interaction opportunities across generations
- **Acoustic screen** to safeguard against noise as well as privacy to the adjacent/overlooking residential blocks.





# INTERGENERATIONAL THERAPY GARDEN 跨代共融治療花園

## 4. NURSERY GARDEN

- **Communal table** for group activities
- **Planters with different heights** for children and people with different abilities (e.g. wheelchair users)

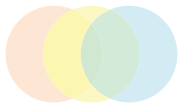
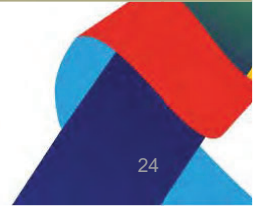


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Communal table

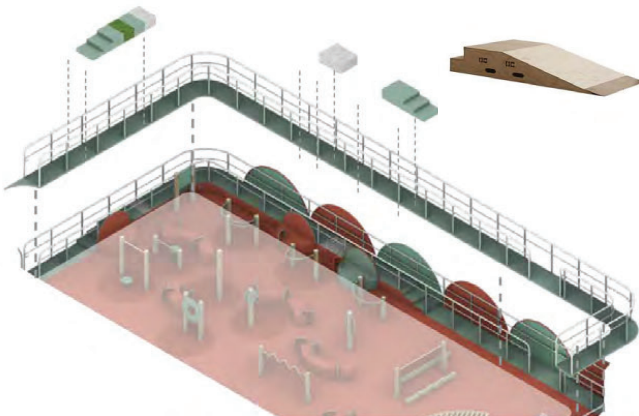
Water feature



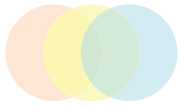
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## 5. FITNESS ZONE & CHALLENGE TRAIL

- **Therapy equipment & program**
- **Bench with handles of varying height**
- **Modular blocks** that can be changed to create different courses/training



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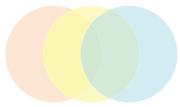
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## STORY CORNERS

- **Inclusive / Universal Design seating** for spontaneous interaction across generation.
- **Reminiscent objects & settings (seasonal)** to encourage story-telling and sharing of histories.



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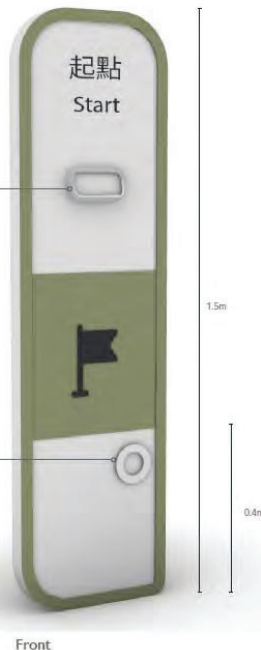


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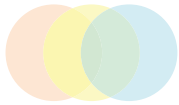
## SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

**RFID sensor**  
Tap your resident card or Fitbit to start recording your activity in the zone!

**Speaker**  
with motion sensor broadcasts name of zone to help elderly with sight disability



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# SMART ROOF GARDEN

## 智慧屋頂花園

### INCORPORATING IoT AND TECHNOLOGY

1



**Start**  
Users tap their RFID resident card or Fitbit on the signage of each zone to activate the sensors within the area to record their activity data.

2



**Activity**  
Users' activity will be logged by various sensors in each zone. For the therapy zone, screens on each individual machine will display their workout data.

3



**Leaving**  
Users can tap their card on the signage again when leaving the zone and the tracked data will be visualized and displayed on the screen on the signage.

4



**Network of users**  
The screen behind the signage will display the top 3 performers who logged the most activity in a month (with their consent). Users will be able to enter into a competition with monthly awards to the most active user.

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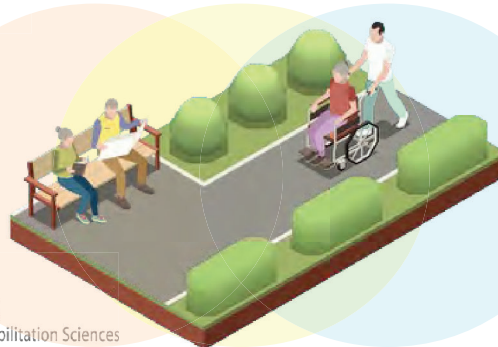
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