

Themes of Environmental Design at Riverbank Areas: Lesson Learned from South East Asia Riverbanks

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ABSTRACT

This Paper attempts to explain the themes of environmental design at riverbank areas especially South East Asia. The community who has been living at the riverbank areas have an unique culture with unique perception too about water and river. For the people who have been living at riverbank areas, water and river not only as essential contex of their life but also contain of spiritual values. Human and water have been related since the beginning of the mankind. The important learning from this study is related to two big themes 1). Water and River 2). Waterbank Areas.

Themes of water and river are related to five point, namely : a) water as source of life; b) the spiritual value of river; c) local wisdom; d) waterbank-based live tradition; and e) community participation. Themes of waterbank area are related to seven point, namely : a) the pattern of space; b) Building Style; c). Building Structure; d) Material Use; e) The Change of Transportation System; f) The Function of Publik Space; and g) The Change of Dwelling.

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