SYNOPSIS

This thesis aims to design a place for the community of Tiong Bahru, the first public housing estate in Singapore, part of it currently under redevelopment schemes of the Housing & Development Board (HDB). In the context of transformation, the project will act as a catalyst in this change and to ensure the continuity of identity to the old and new communities in Tiong Bahru.

In the study of existing community, the market and food culture is inseparable from the everyday life of the residents. Seng Poh Road wet market and food centre was chosen as the proposed site. The project proposed to capitalise on existing activities and intensify activity by adding in community-related programs. The project corresponds to the existing housing estate in the urban level. It deals with the issues of integration of commercial and community activities, through connections and opening up of activities to the public realm. The architectural design attempts to create a focus for the changing community of Tiong Bahru, while conserving the identity of the place.