SYNOPSIS

The thesis arose in response to the changing demography of Singapore. It has been estimated that one-fifth of the population will be above 65 by the Year 2030. Research on the elderly of the future included the study of their psychology, financial status, changing needs and related social pillars.

The project aims to investigate issues of the relationship between architecture and individual independence; the enrichment of life through a communal atmosphere; and ecology. The latter issue will look into landscaping, solar energy, daylighting and shading devices.

The entire retirement village has a good mix of administrative, medical, communal, recreational and residential facilities.

The site was chosen, on Lazarus Island, off the Southern waters of Singapore to complement the resort-like atmosphere of the proposed village by URA. A proposed condominium development on an adjoining island also offers the future residents of the village opportunities to interact with people of different age groups.

The buildings to be developed and presented in particular are the housing units and the communal dining hall. Movement through the village, from building to building is interjected with activity stops to encourage interaction between residents and to provide intermediate places for rest.

Housing units form clusters with each having a variety of communal spaces and activities introduced in them. Thus, the residents have the experience of private and public spaces all within the clusters.