



CHAPTER 11: CONCLUSION



This study and investigation of the Hell Ville empowerment centre has possibly achieved the following:

1. tropicalism, in other words the contemporariness and localness

a. contemporariness:

i. accommodating urban growth

ii. catering for fast-pace communication with the globe

iii. implementing contemporary technologies of sustainability and flexible spaces

b. localness: response to local contexts

i. accommodating its users and citizens' needs

ii. catering for and intensifying urban patterns and activities

iv. responding to the site's geography and activity zonings

v. enhancing urban linkages

2. empowering intentions:

a. empowering spaces: inside and outside space, comfortable enough, for urban activities, from recreational, to cultural, to social

b. places with options: offering visual and physical linkages for pedestrians throughout allowing control and power for decision-making

c. places with opportunities: linkages and options amidst mixed-use activity zones enabling choices for all users and citizens

3. meaningful places:

a. existing activities and patterns promoted through spatial flexibility, inside (multipurpose spaces) and outside (courtyards and circulation spaces), allowing users to participate and belong in the project and its urban and natural contexts

b. circulation and public areas associated with the natural surrounding through meaningful vistas and visual linkages to introduce the different options available

4. urban regeneration:

a. more participation from the citizens in the moulding of the spaces

b. urban activities intensified in-between spaces, as the character of the site and its precinct

c. community's diverse cultures and identities enhanced therefore giving more character to the town, making a statement among the proliferation of tour-istical development

For the future, the centre could become an example of community empowerment initiative, not only in Nosy Be but also in the Malagasy country, depending on the community's specific needs. It entails that community participation is a primordial pre-requisite for such project.

This project is also a learning process on the importance of a thorough investigation on the physical context and its culture, a key to its appropriateness and success, for any situation, client, and site.



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 CHART 2: Nosy Be Climatic Chart. SOURCE: Service Meteo de Madagascar, 2005.
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