

Design Brief Scenario

LIGHT UP THE VALLEY, LIGHT UP THE ELDERLY

World population is aging, especially in less developed areas. As children growing up and leaving for big cities, the elderly are left behind, along with the poor infrastructure and empty life. The problem of population aging, with its relative disputes have become a serious hot issue in contemporary society, which should be given priority, not only among politics, but also among us driven by a sense of social commitment.

The life style in rural district differs from that in urban areas. Smaller social network results in a much more diverse relationship. Neighbors could be relatives, coworkers and friends. To support such multi-relative relationship and allow it to take place, the quantity and quality of public spaces should be valued.

Qingchuan, located in a small valley, is chosen as the research area, after the analysis on typical Chinese village and living condition by traditional Chinese architecture mapping and drawing. The architecture form in Qinchuan is the traditional Chinese Hui style.

The elderly consist a large percentage of the village population and the reason can be complicated. No jobs, low income, poor infrastructure, those of which all drive youth to leave village for a better life in city while the elderly are left behind, lonely and helpless.

To be realistic, before getting down to the design, I did a lot of work on studying infrastructure condition, villagers' activities and space efficiency in the village. By analyzing the current situation and future potential, the idea that combining illumination system with public spaces has finally been raised up, which aims to light up the valley, as well as the elderly.