

Whole City Category A Summary

E-wang Community , Yilan County ,Taiwan

E-wang Community is located in Ximen of Yilan Town, Yilan County in northeastern Taiwan.

It was a transportation hub back in the early days, it is filled with traditional architecture, temples, old-style trading markets, and lots of artisans and is a place where religious and folklore festivals are held frequently.



The geographic map of E-Wang Community 2010.05

1. Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscape:

Making use of the material and dull 100-meter long white wall for a canvas, they created a public art space that exhibits local cultural features and also developed a model with the special bond of joint art creation.

The craft achievements owing to local artisans' insistence on passing through their craftsmanship on to the next generation, and have transformed their workshops into a space for the local onsite museum.



The street signs made by using traditional mortise method 2010.10

2. Arts, Culture and Heritage:

In 2010, Ewang Community took over this garden with the goal of making it “Yilan’s Visionary Hall” with the hope that by promoting various cultural activities in the old town, it will become a source of strength to revitalize the cultural space in the old town of Yilan City. In order to preserve, make notes and mentor this precious craftsmanship, the community has made complete records for 26 artisans in forms of writing, photos and recordings as well as publishing books

Starting from 2007, the community authorities have initiated a project to check and record all traditional stores as well as local delicacies.

There are seven different dimensions of temples in the residential area of the old town. The religious rituals, temple affairs and pilgrimages hold by each temple are all important events to the locals each year.

The community authorities have plan to publish books dedicated with systematic and in-depth interviews, investigations, records of culture and the history of the old town, the craftsmanship of artisans, religious beliefs, and local delicacies, as well as travel brochures and foldouts. The community authorities, with a collection of complete, clear digital audio and video records, have established a digital archive database. Inviting artisans to teach craftsmanship and detailed methods to impart to create artifacts, and its key points, as well as the applications of materials tools are recorded throughout the entire course.

The main targets of the program are elementary school students, members of organizations and locals in the community, training them to be the future cultural volunteers for the crafts circles in the old town.



Yang Shi-Fang Memorial Garden 2012.01

3. Environmental Best Practices:

There are over 4000 bushes have been planted, the pedestrian paths are on the flood plain, the bike lane system is being improved and a pedestrian bridge is being added to Qinghe Bridge, providing a quality recreational area for civilians as well as a great space for holding major events activities.

Yilan County Government initiated a sanitary sewer system engineering project in 2009 and the community shows the completion rate is already 98 % in April 2013.

After years of beautification and maintenance, green lands with a total area of 3,600m² have been created by the local people in the community.



The before-after of the once-abandoned "Pan's Old Well" 2012.01

4. Community Participation and Empowerment:

People in the community have strong recognition of the community where they have lived for generations and willingness to participate in

its affairs.

The Meetings are held regularly and irregularly for discussing various issues and implementing public affairs within the community.

The community designed a course on the old town tour, and the results of the courses have been greatly approved by the public.

The Environmental Protection Volunteer Team was established in 2004 with a total of 60 members to clean and maintain the environment in various areas within the community.



Community members learning how to be volunteer tour guides 2012.09

5. Healthy Lifestyle:

The community has more residents that are elders, therefore concerns and related services to the elderly are especially tended to.

The activities are held irregularly to care for and take care of the mental and physical health of the elderly in the community as well as teaching them how to take medicine safely and providing health checkups.

People in the community are encouraged to exercise, and there are a Folk Dance Club, Aerobatics Club and Taichi Club in the community.

6. Strategic Planning:

With the Yang Shi-Fang Memorial Garden as the main hall, where includes the space planning scenario with point-line-surface connections, craftsmanship mentoring workshops and the artifacts exhibitions to keep social communities networking.

The goal is to guide the artisans to break off from their usual experiences, and expand artisans' participation and generating energies for them to transform.

The aims of these courses are for all volunteers to be able to record local stories and all pass its aspects on the local culture.

Radio interviews, promotional bulletins, tour guide maps, official websites and promotional materials will be added to the overall marketing strategies.



The rebirth of the traditional craft works 2012.01