

**URBAN DESIGN LAB. MAGAZINE** 

# **International Communication**

- Exchange Ideas about A WALKING ROUTE in Your Country -

The continuing pandemic has caused a strong impact on our study and daily life. We've lost the chance to travel abroad with our lab's members. In order to add color to the dull routine of everyday life during the sustained situation of emergency, we used the magazine as a platform to encourage international communication, and to exchange ideas about walking routes in Japan and other countries. The first thing we did was asking several -

international students studying in our lab and some foreign OB/ OGs, to recommend an interesting walking route in their countries. Then the Japanese students gave their ideas about walking routes in Japan according to the

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' RECOMMEND ROUTES

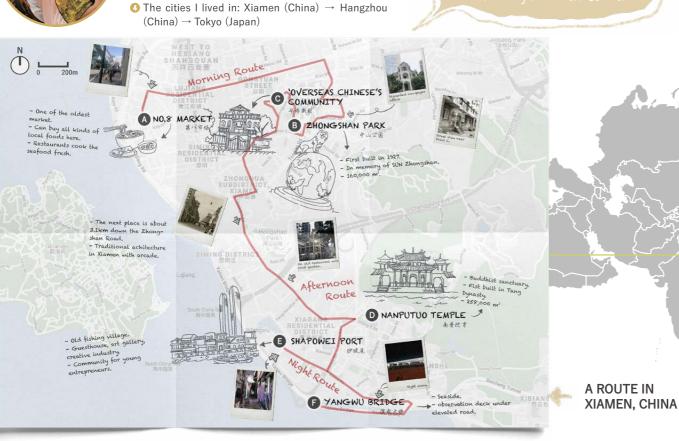
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The next place, Nanputuo Temple, is about 3.1km down the Zhongshan Rd., which is worth visiting. It's a temple retaining the unique **religious atmosphere in southern Fujian**  $\rightarrow$  Shapowei Port shows its best view late in the afternoon.The old fishing village becomes a community for young entrepreneurs and artists now.

F. YANWU BRIDGE

You can feel **the ocean mist** as you walk across a pier. And here you have reached the last place on this trip——The Yangwu Bridge. There is a big viewing platform set right under the overpass. The **mega urban structure** with the highest skyscraper in this city seems incompatible with the old urban areas, but it's well worth seeing since it's a typical view in nowadays China.



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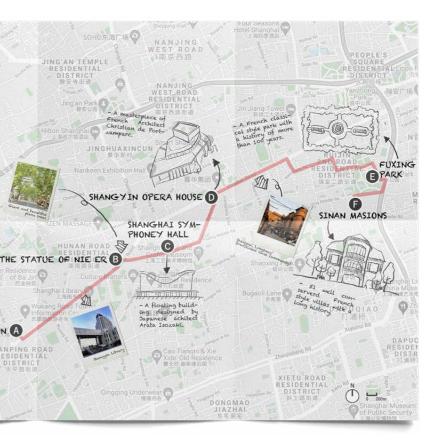
When it comes to Shanghai, the Bund ("Waitan") and the CBD in Lujiazui are the places we are most familiar with. However, in order to deeply understand this charming city, we'd better take a walk in **"Hengshan Rd.-Fuxing Rd. historical and cultural preservation district"**.

As the french enclave from the mid-19th century to the early 20th century, many **french style villas** were built in that area, which have been well preserved till today. So you will see many cute and elegant buildings there. Meanwhile, Shanghai's unique old communities are also widely

Xiamen is an island with a natural harbor that locates in southeastern China and lies off the west of Taiwan. The walking route is an explorative trip to the old center of this city, where you could find not only the old urban fabric, but also the most authentic local life with fishery and folk-custom.

If you start earlier, you might find a busy morning market at No.8 Market. Locals love seafood, and most of the Chinese people would never buy a dead one  $\rightarrow$  Then you can cycle to 'Overseas Chinese Community' through the Zhongshan Park. This community is located in a very good place according to Chinese geomancy, so many overseas Chinese bought their house there at that time. Many of the houses here have become community facilities and book stores.

feedback from the foreign students. We hope that we could set out on a journey to understand new things in the world, and our foreign friends would have a chance to explore the history and culture of the routes in Japan.





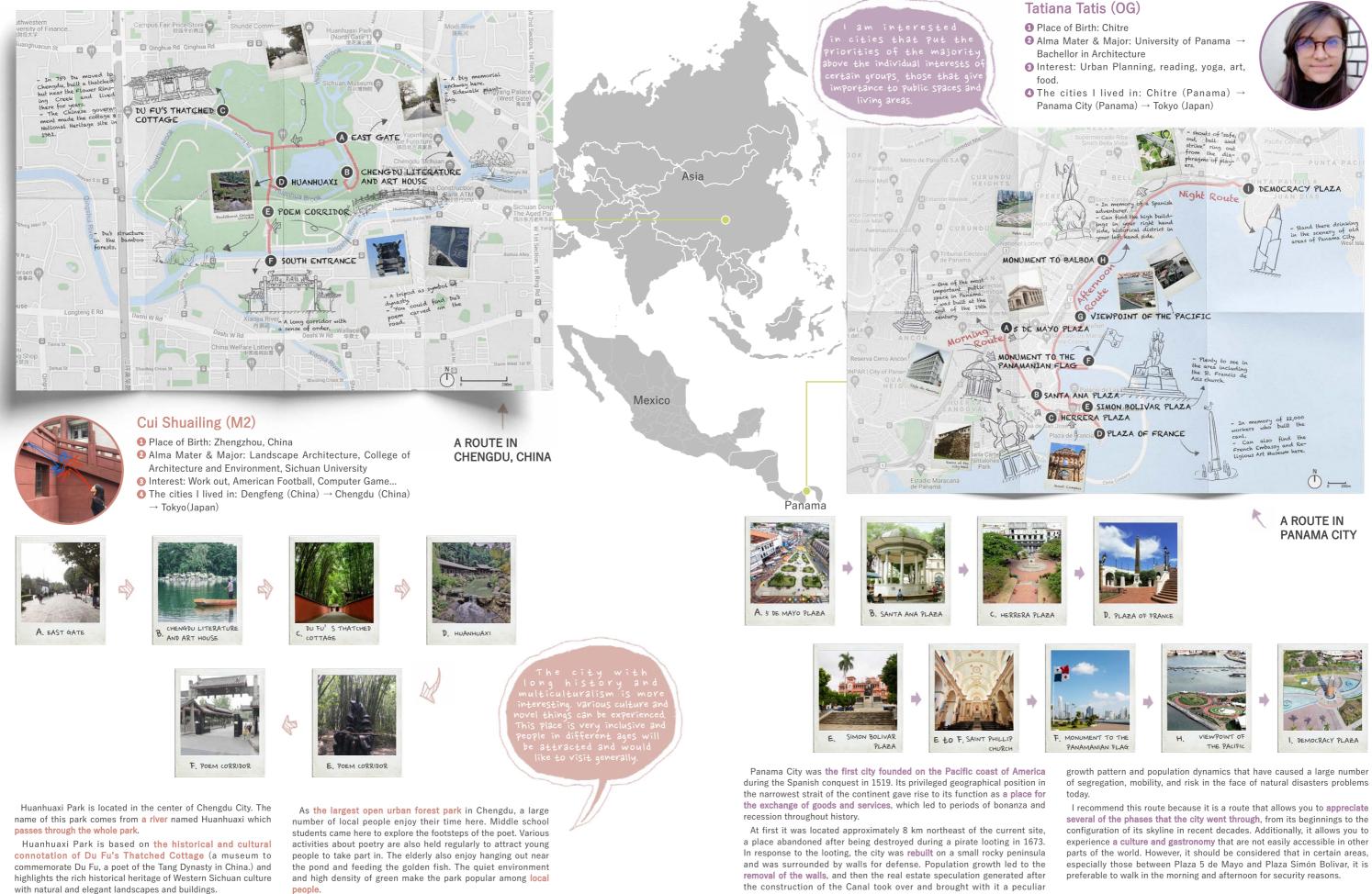
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distributed there. Besides, along the walking route I recommend, you will encounter **several masterpieces** from famous architects, such as Arata Isozaki and Christian de Portzamparc. Their fresh design works are like gems embedded in the original urban context, bringing vitality and new possibilities to the historical district.

If you have a chance to visit Shanghai, spend an afternoon hanging out there and taking some photos.



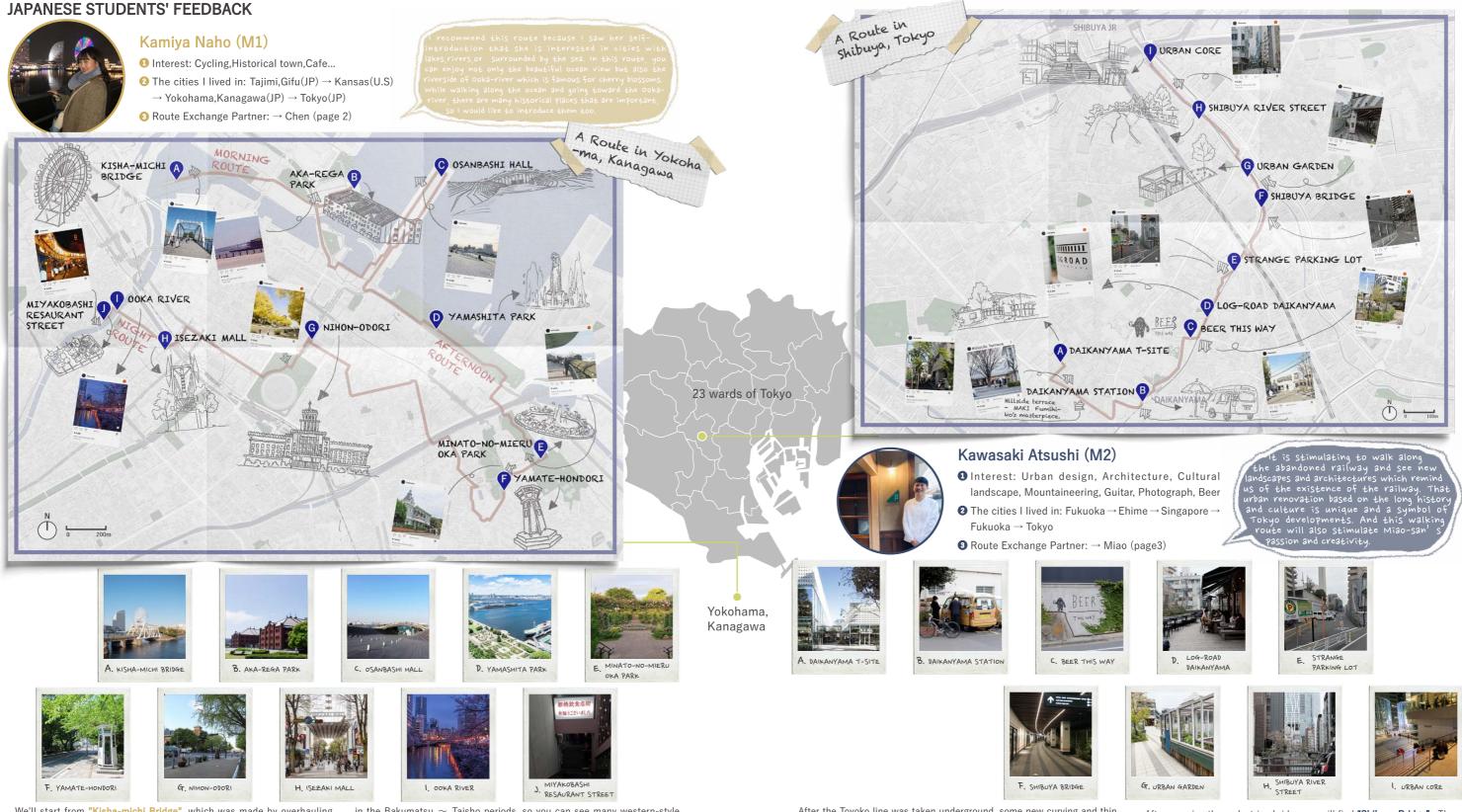
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several of the phases that the city went through, from its beginnings to the configuration of its skyline in recent decades. Additionally, it allows you to experience a culture and gastronomy that are not easily accessible in other parts of the world. However, it should be considered that in certain areas, especially those between Plaza 5 de Mayo and Plaza Simón Bolivar, it is

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We'll start from "Kisha-michi Bridge", which was made by overhauling a dead track. The rail still remains, so walk along and enjoy the ocean view stretching out in front of you. Going through Kisha-michi, you'll see "Yokohama Aka-Renga Warehouse". It was formerly the Customs Inspection House for shipping activities in the early 1920's, and now it has been converted into shops and restaurants.

Next is "Osanbashi", the terminal with cruises from all over the world stopping by. The design is so unique that it shapes like artificial terrain. Go through "Yamashita Park", which was made by filling with rubbles from

the Great Kanto Earthquake, and there's "Minato-no-mieru Oka Park". Have a rest at benches facing the ocean that offer a full view of Yokohama port. Then it's "Yamate Hondori". It was a residential district of Westerners

in the Bakumatsu  $\sim$  Taisho periods, so you can see many western-style buildings. Walking around Yamate makes you feel like traveling in Europe, but go through and you'll soon find "Chinatown". This sudden change of the townscape is interesting, and is truly reflecting the history of Yokohama.

Walk along "Nihon-Odori", the first western style street in Japan. Especially in autumn, the view of colored gingko is awesome.

Finally, walking through the vibrant local shopping street "Isezaki Mall" and now you see the "Ooka river". Cross the bridge and the other side is "Noge". This area is filled with many small bars and eateries, and one of the best is "Miyakobashi Restaurant Street". It is a perfect place to unwind after a long day of exploring.

After the Toyoko line was taken underground, some new curving and thin architectures and landscapes have developed along the abandoned railway. These characteristic shapes remind us of the past existence of the railway and that is stimulating.

First, we start from "Hillside Terrace", one of the Mr.MAKI's masterpieces.

Passing by Daikanyama station, "Log-road Daikanyama" will occur. The sequence of low and cozy shops are well-suited to Daikanyama. You can drink craft beer at a brewery in the buildings.

Then we will find a strange parking lot. This is also part of the abandoned railway, I think. There is a warning of not crossing the parking lot, but we should cross it anyway in order to feel the late railway.

After crossing the pedestrian bridge, we will find "Shibuya Bridge". These architectures also include a pathway inside and they are larger in scale than "Log-road Daikanyama".

Passing through them, you will find Shibuya river and "Shibuya Stream" which is one of the hottest redeveloping areas in Shibuya.

Thanks to changing linear and no-entry places such as railways and culvert to human places, you can feel the relationship between Shibuya and cities around Shibuya. For example, the moderate change of townscape and the cultural sequence that is visible to unaided eyes.

That is, this route is "the sectional line of the layered various relationships between the two towns".



At the beginning and end of this route are two gardens, both of which were originally gardens of daimyo yashiki. Originally belonging to the Tokugawa Family, the Koishikawa Botanical Garden is now both a research facility and park belonging to The University of Tokyo (UTokyo students can enter free with their school ID).

The **Higo Hosokawa Garden**, on the other hand, is a traditional Japanese garden famous for its light up events in the fall. Two modern Japanese architecture works, one by Kiyonori Kikutake and another by Kenzo Tange,

lie on the route that connects these two gardens. Kikutake's Skyhouse is widely regarded as one the greatest works of Metabolism, while Tange's Tokyo Cathedral showcases the beautiful curves of a hyperbolic-paraboloid shell structure.

Scattered along the route are places to satisfy one's taste buds. PaLuke's cheesecake, Gunrindo's dalfuku, and Kandagawa Bakery's bread are all well known and sell out quickly, so a visit early in the day is recommended.

This route begins with **Imperial Palace**. There is something different about this place. In the center of Japan, vast open place stands surrounded by skyscrapers. **Uchibori** (inner moat) also reminds us that Tokyo was the canal city. Shogun used to gather all the stuff through canals. Walking toward the east, you will find **a strong axis** that ends with **Tokyo station**. The rise of Meiji Period is closely related to the development of transportation. It seems that the dignity of this station still watches how Japanese history goes on.

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