

STUDY ON TRADITIONAL VILLAGE CENTER AND ITS TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

A case study of Tu Liem Suburban District, Hanoi, VIETNAM.

Abstract

The thesis analyses the transformation process of traditional village center itself and the influence of changing surrounding as a base to give trend and challenges for future development. The indigenous craftsmen constructed center building with unique architecture style, high-artistic value sculpture, and typical arrangement under FengShui regulation. Further, it used to be the only center, concentration point of community activities of village. This is what to make traditional village center playing crucial role in maintaining village identity of built form and local community. As a step to examining the process of traditional village center transition, three phases are discussed. These phases are 1960, 1990s, and 2000s marking profound changes in socio-economic of rural area.

The study has 3 main objectives, including: (1) clarifying the transformation process of village physical structure and its influence on traditional center (2) clarifying the transformation process of traditional village center itself (3) proposing approach for conservation.

The current status of traditional village center was recorded by carrying out a survey to 17 villages in Tu Liem suburban district (Hanoi city), the most urbanized district in Northern region, Vietnam. To study the transformation process, four representative villages were selected. Based on land use maps in 1960, 1990s, 2000s, a comparison was made at two levels, the whole village and traditional village center itself, to study the trend of change over different periods. Development controls is studied by consulting legislation documents, including The Law on Cultural Heritage, The Law on Land, The Law on Building and District Plan. Base on the result, recommendations for conservation were proposed

The thesis aims to find the way to conserve traditional village center. The conclusion emphasizes the importance of revitalization activities, the involvement of local residents in conservation work and gives suggestion of how this might be achieved best.