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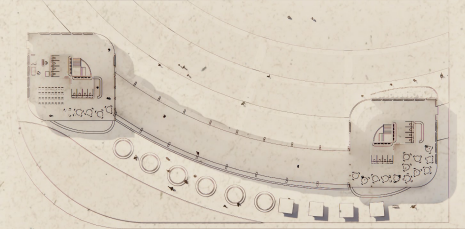


Inspired by the concept of a retreat, Baliki is the UP Diliman Students' Wellness Center. From the word balikan, this center seeks to provide the users of the UP Campus a place for reflection, introspection and rest. The building is the physical manifestation of the "buffer" of the users from the hassles of academic workload. The place draws inspiration from the surrounding areas in the campus, particularly the nearby religious institutions and the suacademic oval.

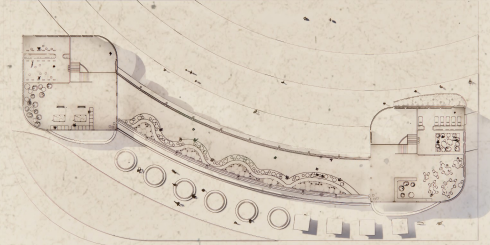
The design is built on the premise of minimal intervention: the goal is to preserve as much of the natural landscape as possible. The two buildings are placed at the ends where there are no trees needed to be cut down. The walkway that connects these two buildings acts as the barrier between the open public area at the front and the secluded, private park at the back. By crossing this threshold, users can "retreat" from the busy areas into a more peaceful context.

The design chooses a more muted color palette with beige and white serving as the base of the building facades. These muted colors allow the textured facades to stand out more. The colors also contrast with the more colorful interior features. This contrast will allow the furniture inside to pop out more.

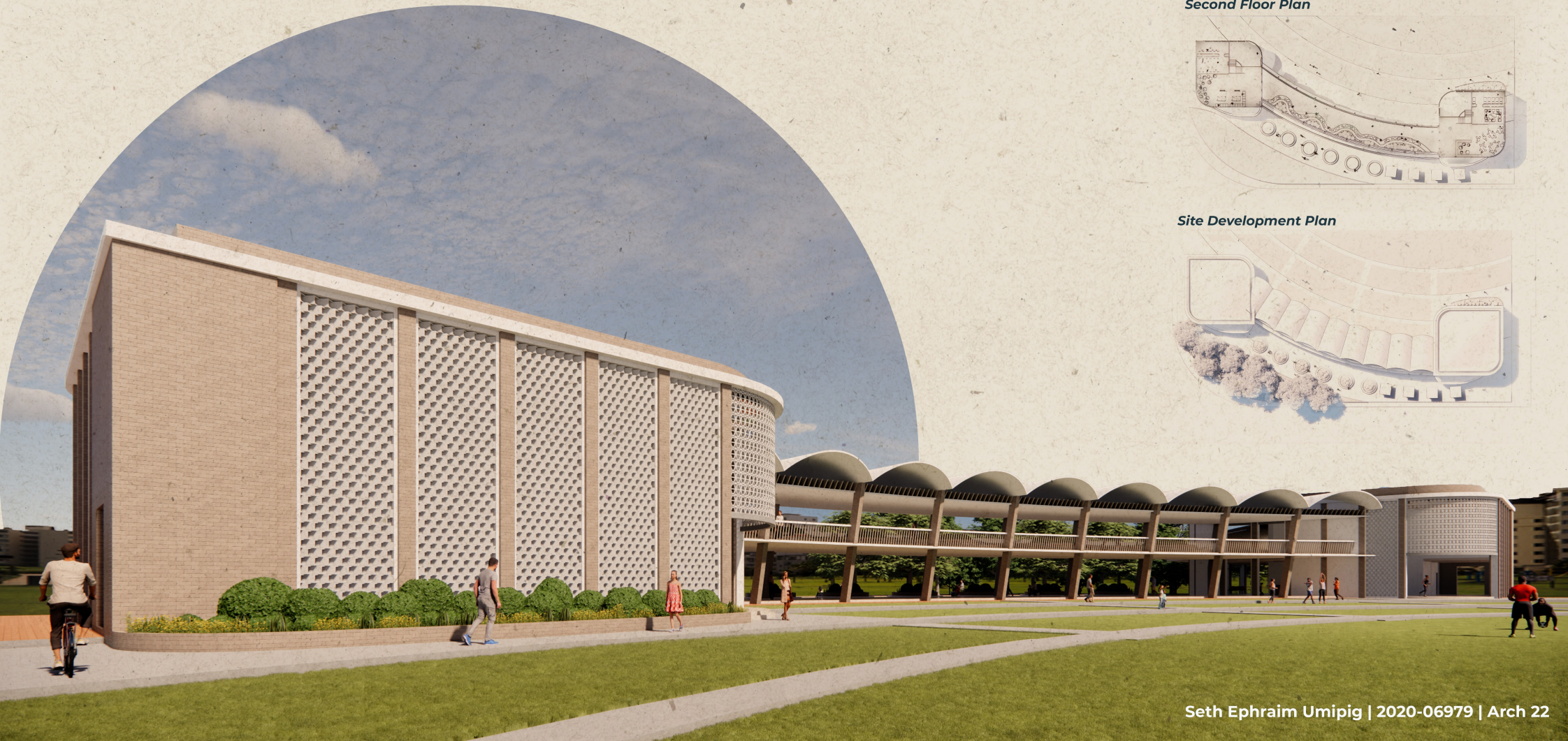
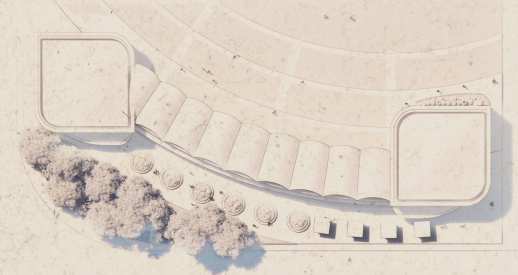
First Floor Plan



Second Floor Plan



Site Development Plan





1 Study Room



2 Game Room



3 Sleeping Area



4 Eating Area



5 Meditation Room

1. Study Room
Place for users to read, study and do academic works. Modular tables are provided in a hexagonal shape, maximizing surface area and limiting gaps between tables.

2. Game Room
Provides space for users to play games with their friends and pass the time; an escape from their workload.

3. Sleeping Area
Quiet area for students and other users to sleep or simply rest.



Front Elevation



Rear Elevation



Longitudinal Section



Left Elevation



Right Elevation



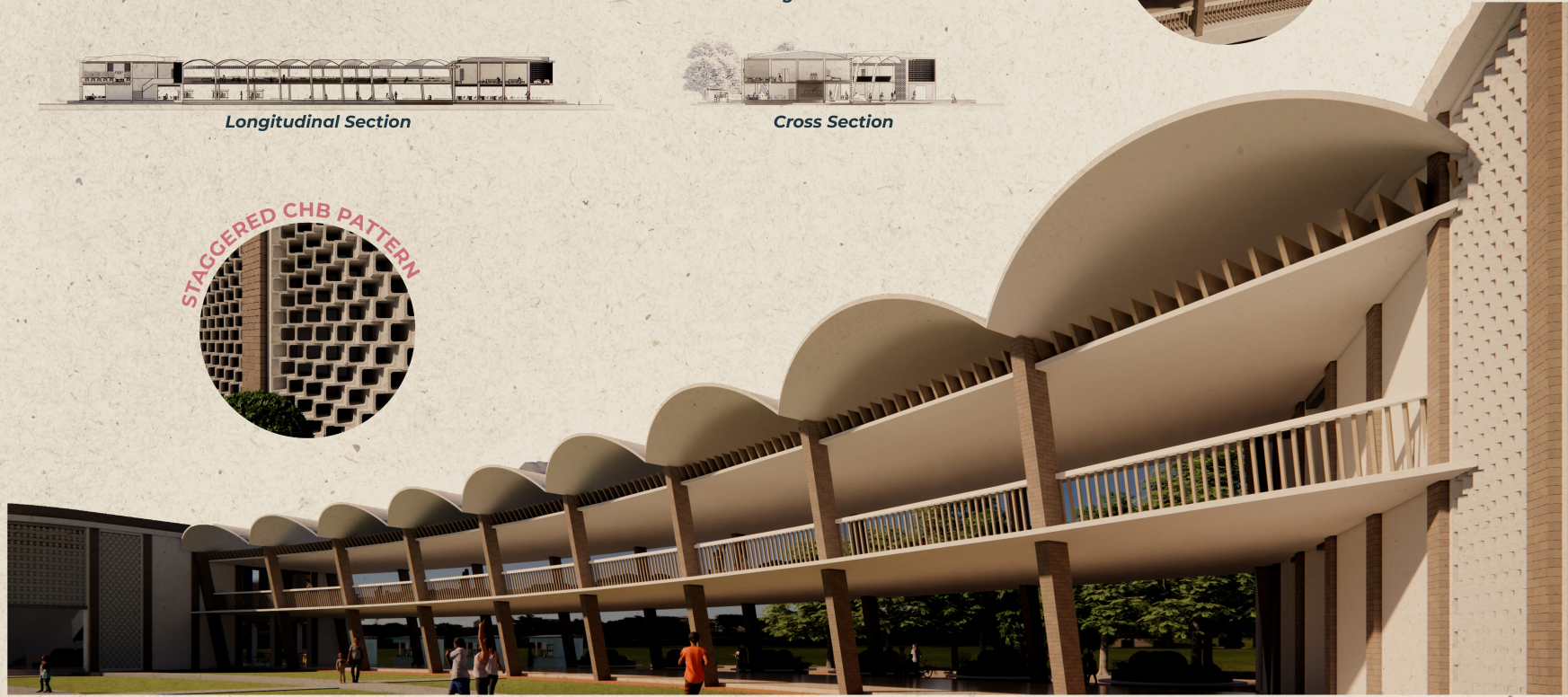
Cross Section



THIN-SHELL CONCRETE ROOF



STAGGERED CHB PATTERN



6 Comfort Rooms

4. Eating Area
Since the present site has many food vendors, there is a need for an adequate amount of eating space.

5. Meditation Room
Space for users who do yoga.

6. Comfort Rooms
Comfort rooms use calming colors like light green and pink to allow the users to relax.



7 Walkway Seating

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Above the ground floor foyer, the walkway is the main tamayan space where users can mingle and hang out after a long day.

8. Food Stall
An upgraded version of current foodstalls. Has adequate space for vendors and has much needed ventilation.

9. Mini Park
Small secluded park where users can relax under the canopy of trees.



8 Food Stall

Thin-Shell Concrete Roofing
Main roofing material used for the walkway and the two buildings. Inspired by the nearby Parish of the Holy Sacrifice for its ability to create complex roof shapes.

Concrete Hollow Block (CHB) Staggered Pattern
Building Facade uses common CHBs but is applied differently. CHBs are placed with the side up and angled. The holes in the blocks are placed in such a way that it allows the soft light of the sunrise to come in while it blocks out the harsh light of the sunset. The holes also make the building more permeable and allows the circulation of air to flow in.



9 Mini Park