Vertical Cities Asia

Competition Brief ‘Everyone Ages’
The ‘rapidly ageing societies in Asia’ will be explored.

100 000 people/ km²
Research
socio-economics and Seoul

Master plan
organic community

Site
program
concept

Building
public space
volumes
rooftop garden
Our aim is to propose a strategy that is able to retain the authenticity of the city while extending the dialogue between what is existing and what is to come.
VARIETY IN ALIGNMENT OF THE FACADE
bar
restaurant
barber
clothing shop

VARIETY IN PROGRAM
‘An emphasis on education is often cited as a foundation for Korea’s rapid economic growth’

Source: Facts about Korea - Korean Culture and Information Service (2009)
Schools (Existing open chunks)

Proposed Hybrid Centres
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NEW PROPOSAL
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“On November 10th South Korea went silent. (...) 
Every year the country comes to a halt on the day of the exams, 
for it is the most important day in most South Koreans' lives”

The Economist, The One-shot society, December 2011
“There is a saying in Korea: If you sleep for 3 hours a day, you will pass the exam. Sleep for 4 hours, you will fail.”

McKinsey & Company, Korea 2020
Community learning centre

Tutor rooms (useable for school)
  Small lecture hall
  Large lecture hall

Graphical rooms
  Music room

Library
  Reading room

Community space
  Bookshop

  Cafe
  Restaurant
  Gallary space
  Sitting space
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OKATECH®
Insulating Glass with Metal Mesh,
reduces solar gain
through the facade by 80%