Connecting Small Business and Greenery to Children Play in Place Making

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ABSTRACT

Public space is essential for developing the physical and social development of children. Activities in public spaces not only increase the sense of a child’s imagination and closeness to nature, but also train children to experience social life with others. Despite its importance, due to the lack of environmental design, most public spaces in Indonesia are not able to provide children needs. The main concern of this paper is to identify and analyze children activities at traditional public space of Alun-alun in Bandung and Cimahi to comprehend the connection of place making and children play through direct observation and interview with people using the space. The paper will portray the variety of people’s activities and its impact on spatial configuration in public spaces as well. The result of field survey will be illustrated by activities mapping and visual record of social interaction among people and children playing activities at place. The spatial and physical elements in the process of place making are then elaborated to explain the involvement of profit making and natural environment in the success of public place uses, in particular for children play.

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