Heritage Preservation of Shilin – Conserving Taiwan’s Unique Identity

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IQP Proposal
What makes Taiwan’s identity unique?
Brief History of Taiwan

China (1683-1895)

Japan (1895-1945)

United States (1945)
Industrialization in Taiwan

In 1908, Japanese government invested in infrastructure

Industrialization policies aimed at modernizing Taiwan
Industrialization in Taiwan

Tea accounted for over 50% of Taiwan’s total exports in the 1860’s.
The Shilin District
Modernization in and Around Shilin

Shilin Night Market

Taipei Population vs Time

Population in Taipei over time
Preserving cultural heritage enables future generations to maintain a sense of identity.

Disconnect Between Modernization and Heritage Preservation

Cultural Assets
- Language, arts, music, traditions, and histories

Cultural Conservation
- Active practice of protecting cultural assets

Heritage Preservation
- Maintains a sense of community and social cohesion

Traditional temple between modern buildings
Research Question and Project Goal

How can we capture the richness of Shilin in ways that resonate with and benefit present day locals and visitors?

By developing a website that utilizes digital heritage preservation.
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Digital Preservation

90% of Taiwan has access to the internet

Use of internet leads to an increase in digital heritage (UNESCO)

Traditional Taiwanese singing and dancing
Objective 1: Determine Key Features for Website Development

Case Studies

Choosing a Tool to Develop the Website
Objective 2: Collect and Analyze Data

Perform Interviews

Document Cultural Assets
Objective 3: Mockup Website

Mockup Design Review
Objective 4: Develop Final Website and Receive Feedback

Surveys
The preservation of cultural heritage is an investment in the present and the future.
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Any Questions?
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