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INTERNATIONAL IDEA COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG DESIGNERS



Subject: ***Post-human Urbanity:
A Biosynthetic Future on Namsan***

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🕒 Competition Submission

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◉ Site

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Haebangchon’s administrative name is Yongsandong 2-ga, and encompasses 2.04 km² of area, with a population of 12,000 in 2015. The previous redevelopment plans for Haebangchon, first labeled as “Kangbuk U-turn Project” in 2006 calling for large apartment blocks, and later replaced by “Green Corridor” plan in 2009 which would have turned the area into a wildlife reserve, faced harsh criticism and were finally cancelled by the city. The current plan for Haebangchon calls for a more gradual urban regeneration which will preserve the existing urban fabric and retain the current community intact, while fostering economic revitalization.





Ⓢ Proposed Site for Intervention

Sowolro 20-gil

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