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PROJECT SUMMARY

DOKUMAPARK NATURE-CULTURE&ART PARK

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A-INTRODUCTION

The foundation of Antalya Spinning and Cotton Weaving Mill was laid during 1950's. The mill was established with the aim of being a solution to increasing unemployment due to the galloping city population. The rapid processing of cotton which is produced and considered as white gold in Antalya, was also one of the founding purposes of the mill. The facility established on an area of 250 thousand m2.

The project space has witnessed an era making it important part of the local heritage while preserving the memory within its structure.

Antalya Spinning and Cotton Weaving Mill, which was set up in the 1950's, was hosting a continuous life due to uninterrupted production. Manager housing, six personnel public housing, main entrance building, factory operating areas and operation building, administrative building, two warehouses, boiler room, fire station, transformer building, carpenter's shop, construction workshops, and a chemical warehouse were among such facilities one after another. As socializing and recreational areas; a dining hall for workers and civil servants, canteen, kindergarten, guesthouse, infirmary, education and sports building, and playgrounds were situated inside and the site provided over seven thousand households with work and food at that time creating unique memories until it closed down entirely in 2003. **The administration of that time had handed over rights of usage of the land to a foreign company to build a shopping mall. The new governing administration(the municipality of Kepez) that took over in 2009 has recognized the importance of this space for the collective memory of the city and has spend years putting a lot of effort in court to take back the legal rights of the land.**

The Municipality of Kepez, together with the people of Antalya, has taken a decision about the future of the mill which has witnessed the history. A Common Sense Commission including non governmental organizations, professional chambers, and the representatives of political parties was founded. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Common Sense Commission, the future of Antalya Spinning and Cotton Weaving Mill was shaped. The name of the mill was changed to Dokumapark.

The Municipality of Kepez carried out the transformative works without disrupting the natural structure of factory buildings that have witnessed the history and without cutting a single tree in the factory garden. While the open areas of the woven land have been improved by preserving all flora values, all facilities of the closed factory have been turned into museums, culture and art centers, and private centers that contribute to the city's memory by our municipality in line with the common wishes of the people of Antalya. The process of deciding on the defining features of this landscape project has been done in collaboration with public voting.

Dokumapark carries the status of a cultural heritage because of the important structures it hosts in its 250.000 m2 area. The most important goal of this project has been to preserve the diverse flora and its environmental structures for the future generations. We have ensured this sustainable climate by building a botanic park and to improve the landscape quality objective of the area. We have also created museums, artistic practice spaces and arts and culture events in

the park to uphold and spread awareness on it's natural resources.

The factory site, which was once abandoned to its fate, has now become the attraction center of not only Antalya but also of the whole region under the name of DOKUMAPARK.

B-FUNCTIONS OF DOKUMAPARK NATURE-CULTURE&ART PARK

- 1-Anatolian Toy Museum**
- 2-Train Library**
- 3-Gallery Of Modern Arts**
- 4-Pensioners Club**
- 5-Open-Air Museum**
- 6-8d Virtual Reality**
- 7-Vintage Car Museum**
- 8-Botanic Park**
- 9-Nostalgic Turkish Cinema Café**
- 10-Antalya Museum Back In The Days**
- 11-Museum Of Anatolian Martyrs**
- 12-The Science Center Of Antalya Kepez**
- 13-Hotel Mis (Guesthouse-Boutique Hotel)**
- 14-Green Areas**
- 15-Cemil Meric Library**

C-VISITORS

Since its opening in 2017, Dokumapark has welcomed 3,5 million visitors. Besides its regular visitors, Dokumapark has also hosted thousand of guests for special events (annual coffee festival, annual orange festival etc.). The number of daily visitors who make use of the green areas and running tracks for exercise are not included in the total amount of visitors.

D- AWARDS

***DOKUMAPARK NATURE&CULTURE AND ART PARK**

Historical towns union (2016)

Historical and Culturel Heritage Conversation and Project Encouragement Awards

***ANATOLIAN TOY MUSEUM**

Mediterranean Municipality Union (2016)

1st prize, Management and Public Relations Awards

***ANATOLIAN TOY MUSEUM**

Historical Towns Union (2017)

Project Awards

***ANATOLIAN TOY MUSEUM**

Historical Towns Union (2017)

Museum Encouragement awards

Sustainable Cultural Museum Awards

***MODERN ART GALLERY**

Historical Towns Union (2018)

Historical and Cultural Heritage Conversation and Project Encouragement Performance Awards

***ANATOLIAN TOY MUSEUM**

Mediterranean Municipality Union (2018)

1st Prize, Development Projects Awards

*** ANTALYA MUSEUM BACK IN THE DAYS**

Historical Towns Union (2020)

Museum Encouragement And City Museums Award

*** ANTALYA MUSEUM BACK IN THE DAYS**

Mediterranean Municipality Union (2020)

Superstructure Projects Awards

***CEMIL MERIC LIBRARY**

Historical Towns Union (2020)

Sustainability Award

C-RESULTS

Dokumapark has become a pioneer example of a project that safeguards its historical values and heritage. It has become a hub for cultural and artistic practices to grow and prosper. This project is also a result of a diverse collaboration that adds up to the list of what makes it an exemplary project. **The process of deciding on the defining features of this landscape project has been done in collaboration with public voting.** It brings the awareness of the richness in its landscape with the remains of cotton factory (Antalya Spinning and Cotton Weaving Mill) as a landmark located in Antalya.

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The most important aspect of this project is to re-claim this land that was about to be waste for a shopping mall erasing the natural and cultural landscape of the area.

This project has achieved a significant amount of the European Landscape Awards criterion. The awareness of the public has been improved with this project. The sustainability conditions of the historic and cultural structures has been improved allowing growth in the local development opportunities. By the contribution of the public and other parties the goals and defining features of the landscape has been decided, making the process unique. By finding a common ground and common working method the project has received a lot of awards.

The project has been realized with the responsibilities defined by the European Landscape Convention Articles 5 (a),(b),(c) and article 6 (A) and (D).