In response to the decisive cry for humanity that caused the loss of 298 lives in a manmade catastrophe, a memorial amidst a flowing floating park is served to create in the Ijmeer Lake of Amsterdam. The contextual influence and spirited culture of Amsterdam worked as an inspiration in conceptualizing the artificial floating island to tribute MH17 victims.

Water, wind and green; these elements symbolize life, the basis of this triangular shaped island. The formal expression of this island characterized with fluidity and flexibility referring the flowing emptiness for the departed souls.

An important factor in the design of the park is to create relationship with existing terrain. The canal system planning of Amsterdam is considered as a reference for the new island development to propose a new water landscape experience for world population.

“A GREEN PLATFORM OF LIFE”

All the functions are placed around the central plaza. Basic requirements like coffee shop, public rest facilities, drinking water supply, bicycle stand, temporary shades for public gathering and programs are spotted at several places. A museum is designed under the reflecting pool to house memories of MH17 victims and relics of the tragedy. The central plaza will be the main location for arranging cultural programs and festivals over the year in Amsterdam.

The floating island, filled with organic soil, developed by water plants and sorted organic wastage, helps to purify urban water bodies. The island will be supported with honeycomb frame structure to keep the natural ecosystem of the water uninterrupted and at the same time to develop a new habitat for water biology.

The park is connected with Amsterdam’s popular water transport (water taxi, ferry) from nearby stations. There are three receiving decks along with three peripheries of the island.

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