CULTURAL CENTER OF
BUKIT NANAS, KUALA LUMPUR
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This study discusses the Cultural Center at Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur. The proposed design attempt to reduce the urban heat island effect through the concept of bioclimatic urbanism. The influence point begins at Bukit Nanas by restoring the original impression of Kuala Lumpur when the city was once filled with greenery. By employing bioclimatic urbanism in the current pattern of city planning for Kuala Lumpur, this concept is strongly connected to natural greenery leading to Bukit Nanas which is the city center’s iconic site with a forest reserve in the midst of the city.

The debate on natural forest versus concrete forest is the main issue in which the practice of reserving a green belt is hotly disputed, against the prevailing issues of commercial value and profit. The site reflects a significant issue regarding the development of Kuala Lumpur. However, the approach is easily overlooked because the development of the city has been overshadowed by economic factors.