

Embodied Senses

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Co-existing and communicating with nature are some of the important considerations that need to be dealt with by the first year students in their final project, the Corporate Retreat. In meeting the requirements of the project brief, they went to experience the site in a full day site visit, immersing their senses in the serene and tranquil Langkawi golden beach, enjoying the sea breeze, abundance of sunlight, and the sight and sound of inspiring waves. A detailed site analysis was done by several smaller groups and basic site factors and characteristics were noted down.

The results of the site analysis and incorporation of those essential factors in their design can be seen on the works. Manifestation of their understanding is evident in the use of proper sun shading devices and detailing, appropriate size of openings to capture the views and allowing enough ventilation and day lighting into the spaces. The buildings are also well sited to take advantage of the beautiful site physical characteristics.