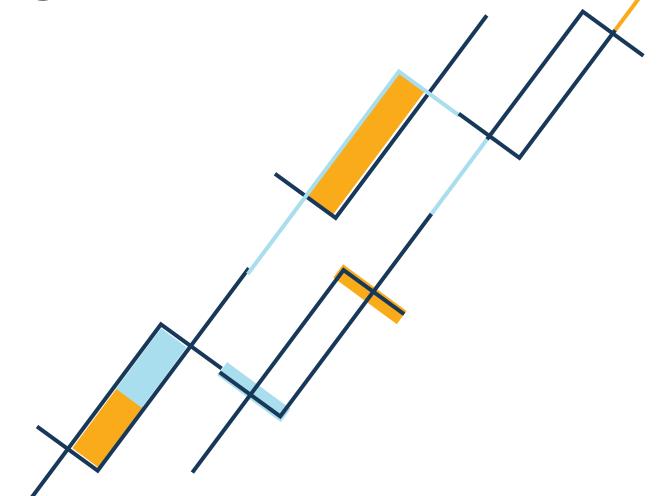


Cijin Sign System Design

Designer / Ann Chen

Period / 4 months



Objective

Defining culture as "a way of life" brings us to consider the implications of globalization as a defining influence in how we live therefore, creating an international and friendly environment. Moreover, I will consider the impact of globalization on tourism from different perspectives- creative, public, social and function-oriented ones. The design must take into account the aesthetics of the urban environment, integrate the local landscape conditions and the service functions of sightseeing, and display the overall planning beauty of the landscape in Cijin, integrating local landscape conditions and sightseeing service functions.



Goals

- Analyze Cijin's history and identify the role playing in South Taiwan.
- Comprehend the needs of the related audiences and Cijin's geographical environment.
- Develop a substantial subject matter of visual investigation that connects the past and represent to the future.
- Understand the needs and services, designing a compelling and consummate sign system.

Outcome

- In order to create a national scenic area and international user-friendly environment, creating a sign system can help navigate visitors and offer information on tourist destinations.
- Sign systems not only comprehend the needs of international tourists, but also the local geographical environment, as they sustain the stylistic consistency.
- Design a visual narrative and user-friendly media formats in order to communicate with the audiences.





People

Local people with their family businesses are self-sufficient in restaurants, hotels, or guided tours. The statistics show the outflow of young generations moving to the big city seeking job opportunities. The age of international tourists is decreasing more and more. Most young teenagers will come to Taiwan when they have their gap year or during college, having opportunities as exchange students.

Environment

The long-shaped Cijin Island was originally connected to Kaohsiung city by sandbanks. A harbor expansion project cut Cijin off from Kaohsiung, turning Cijin into a separate island. Cijin is surrounded by the ocean and a rich coastal landscape. Moreover, Cijin has few mangrove forests which offer different species of mangrove trees and insects in natural ecosystems. The special, narrow and long geographical features of Cijin itself generate rainy seasons from May to September.

Culture

During the age of discovery, Cijin became an economic prosperity supporting in Tawian shipping by the ocean. Later on, residents lived upon the ocean. In order to protect their family members, people built the first temple in the south of Taiwan

Design Strategy

Problem Identification

Cijin is at an ideal time of transformation. It's changing from an industrial city to a more tourism-oriented one, and it needs the input of younger generations for this shift. Nonetheless, there's a decreasing number of younger people because they prefer to move to bigger cities in search for a job.

Target Audience
 International tourists and local young people in Cijin

Applications

A grid system is applied to ensure the clear communication of information to users. I improve the existing horizontal and vertical directional signs, and even design a new information signboard to be place on the stairway and an identification sign in front of every site.

For the convenience of numerous foreign tourists, apart from the current languages in use (Chinese and English), Japanese and Korean are included in the whole signage system too.

An app can provide the direction on the biking path, introductions about attractions, the updated open hours and transportation times between sites.

Promotional materials are used to engage with the target audience, and an excellent way for increasing Cijin exposure on daily basis. Thus, enhancing young people's coherence towards their hometown and integration with the international community.



Moodboard

















People Action Things

People

Action

Things

community

health

diversity

passion

relax

growth

active

feelings

comfortable

family

backpacking

surfrider

self-sufficient

religion

vacation

experience

surfing

biking

yoga

jogging

outdoor activity

music festival

education

sightseeing

worship

eat

meditation

sunbathing

typical weather

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ocean

mangrove forests

sandbank

seafood

music

historic site

isolated

insects

temple

local food

Design Concept

Sustainability

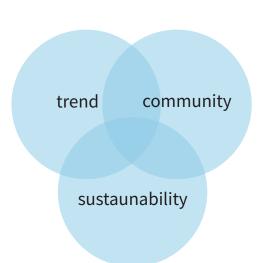
Cijin is an island around the ocean. The ocean is a key that connects the past, treasures the present, and presents the future. Local people's activities are related to the ocean from commerce, religion, and sightseeing.

Community

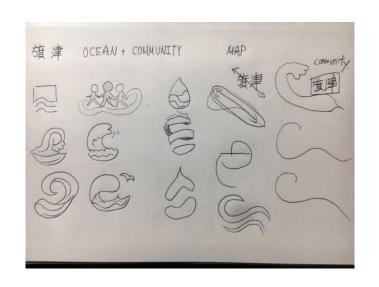
The increasing number of foreign tourists, most of them are the young generation who are open minded and willing to embrace cultural differences. Hence, the diversity makes Cijin more colorful.

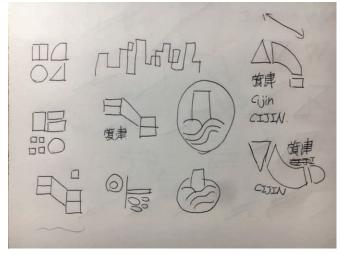
Trend

In the past, Kaohsiung was the most important city for exporting goods and the first Mazu temple is in Kaohsiung. Now, Cijinreceives more tourists in the south. It has always been a pioneer in trade with commerce, religion, and economy in the south.

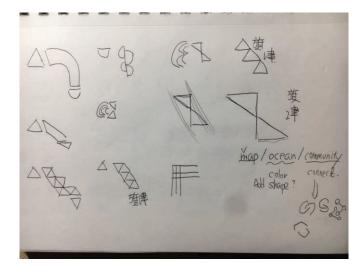


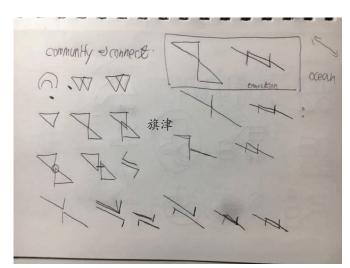
Design Concept of the Signs Sketch

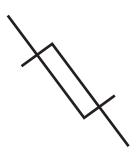




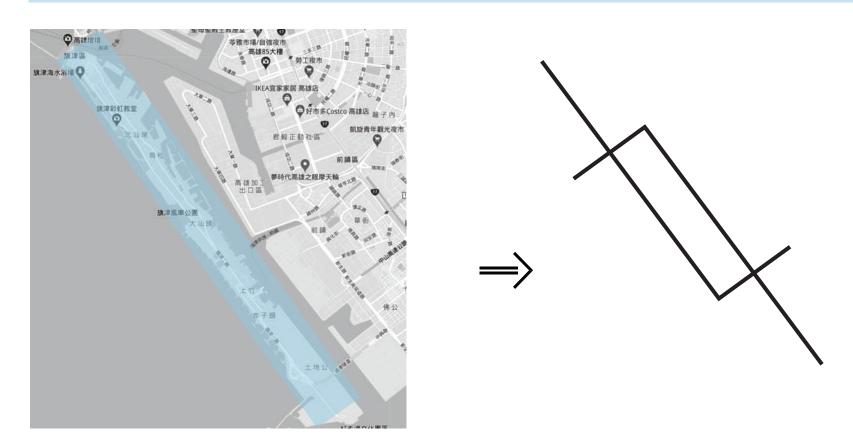






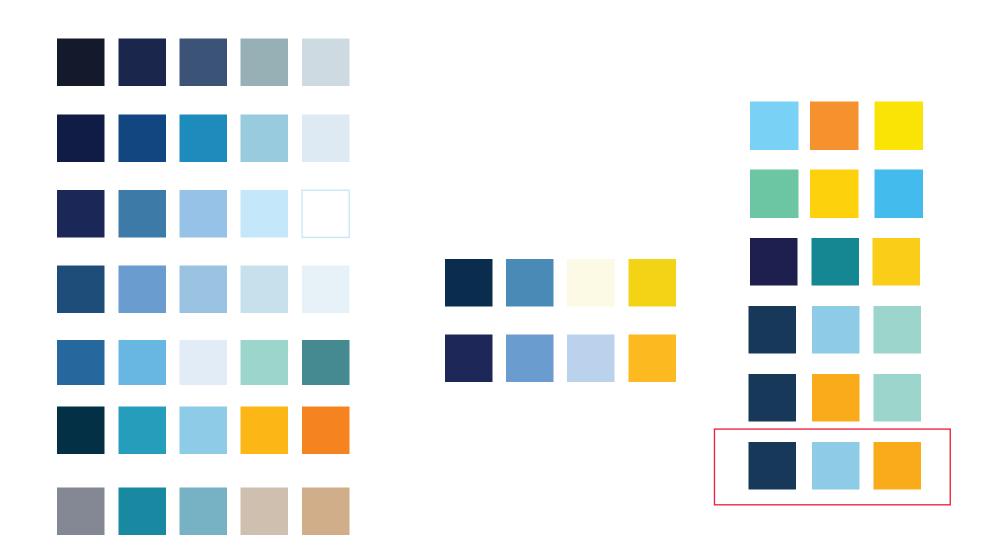


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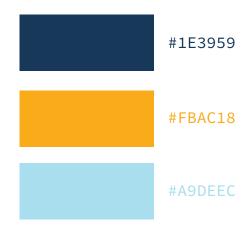


The original design idea was focused on the wave. However, the island's unique, long shape stood out from other of its characteristics, such as its history, weather and architecture, during my research, Choosing a geometric shape, based on clear outline to present simplicity, serves at the core of the design. Furthermore, simplicity allows me as a designer to accommodate any possibility within my work. Likewise, Cijin welcomes people from different places. The other design concept is community. Creating a community allows not only local people, but tourists feel a sense of belonging. Hence, the lines in this geometric shape need to be either interacting or crossing each other.

Color Palette Explore



Finalized Color Plan



The sea connects the past to the present and continues into the future. In Cijin, being around the sea, its smell and sound, make it hard to distinguish the difference between the blue hue of sky and ocean. In the color plan, blue is the main color to represent the ocean. By using different senses for people to connect themselves with Cijin. The buildings in Cijin are dominated by blue and white, so blue will fit in the current environment. In addition to the blue color, adding warm colors will bring energy to this city. Blue color keeps distance from people, thus bright orange makes people feel welcome and presents Cijin as a vibrant city.



Typeface Explore

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Finalized Typography

- 中文字體/ 蘋方-繁
- 日文字體/ 蘋方-繁

Regular 旗津

Medium 旗津

韓文字體/ Apple SD 산돌고딕 Neo

Regular 치진

Bold **치진**

英文字體/ Source Sans Variable

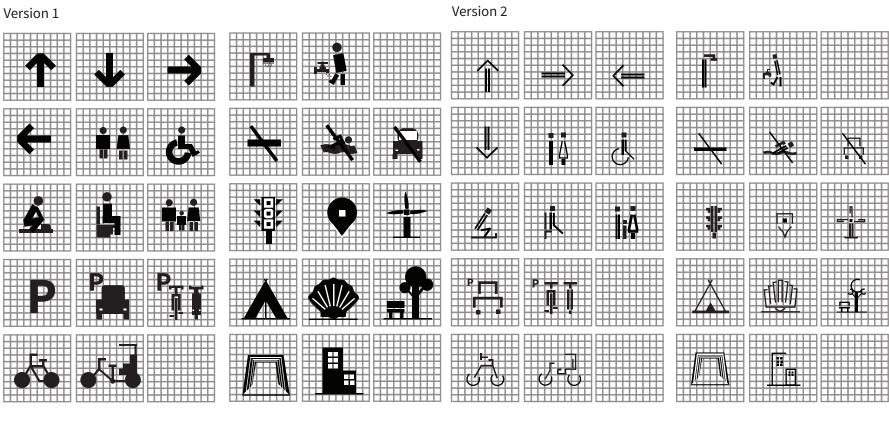
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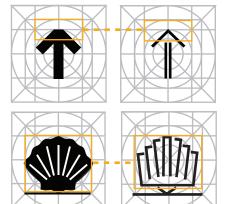
Taking the edge of the letter as my reference standard, I chose the typeface with more edges and sharpness, which can connect to my design concept. Pingfang is a typeface that is contemporary and clean, yet still is friendly, is easier to read on signage, and it gives off a slightly more friendly and young feeling - something that was important to convey for this audience. Apple's Korean is too rounded, so I chose Apple SD 산돌고딕 Neo for Korean to keep the consistency with other languages. Source Sans Variable as English fonts, compared with Georgia fonts, are modern, simple, and clean.

Icon Explore



Icon







The first icon version is too heavy. The design concept of the sign has more straight outlines, edges, and is hollow inside, instead of solid. On the second icon version, I focus on creating outline. Changing all the circles to rectangles, all the crossing and turning points create a 90-degree angle. There are two problems in the second icon version. The first problem is the different strokes of each outline, and the second problem is some icons have two parallel lines, but some of them don't. This is the next step I need to improve to get into my finalized icons.

Finalized Icon



廁所 Restroom



殘障廁所 Accessible Restroom



蹲式 Squat



坐式 Sit



親子廁所 Family Restroom



禁止游泳 Swimming Prohibited



車子停車場 Car Parking Lot



慢機車停車場 Bicycle & Motorcycle Parking



腳踏車 Bicycle



三輪車 Pedicab



禁止進入 No Enter



禁止車輛進入 No Car Enter



淋浴間 Shower



洗腳池 Foot Shower



餐廳 Restaurant



觀光區 Tourist Attraction



彩虹教堂 Rainbow Arch



旗津海岸公園管理站 Cijin Seaside Park office



注意號誌燈 Traffic Sign



定點位置 You are Here



旗津風車公園 Cijin Windmill Park



旗津海韻露營區 Cijin Haiyun Camping Area



旗津貝殼館 Cijin Shell Gallery



藝文休閒園區 Art Park



直走 Front/Up



右轉 Turn Right



左轉 Turn Left



下面 Back/Down

Icon Clear Space





Material Selection

Steel/Stainless steel paint/Acrylic Sheet

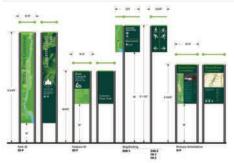
- The material is able to keep the surface shiny and bright, smooth enough to be touchable.
- The material is melamine, which is strong and durable enough.
- Environmental-friendly design can prevent toxic gas generation created from Insect-proof, moisture-proof, anti-corrosion, good maintenance, non-toxic, tasteless and pollution-free materials.
- The material can be cut, sawed, inserted, nailed, and easy to install, so construction period is short.



Signage Explore









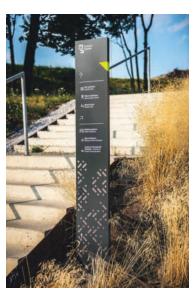






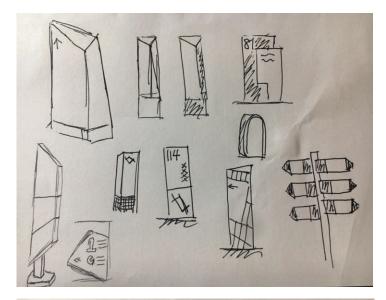


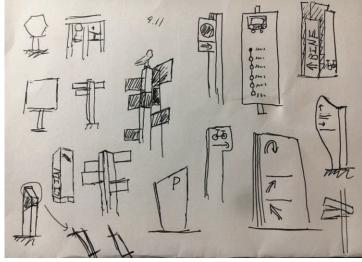






Signage





Before I could start designing the signage, I had to consider what the physical structure would look like, and how people and vehicles would be interacting with them. I knew it needed to be accessible to many people's heights and decided that a rectangular shape would work best.

At the beginning, I brought the wood material into my design. Then I used color as function, as orange color represents vehicles or activity, such as a parking lot, bike path, and biking distance. Blue color represents attraction, such as introductions about attractions, map, and identification signage. To keep the signage simple and consistent with the static signs, I took out the wood material.

People Signage



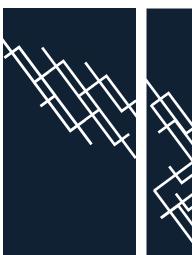






















性別友善廁所 All Gender Restroom ジェンダーフリーのトイレ 성중립 화장실의



親子廁所 Family Restroom 親子トイレ 가족 화장실

Color Palette Explore













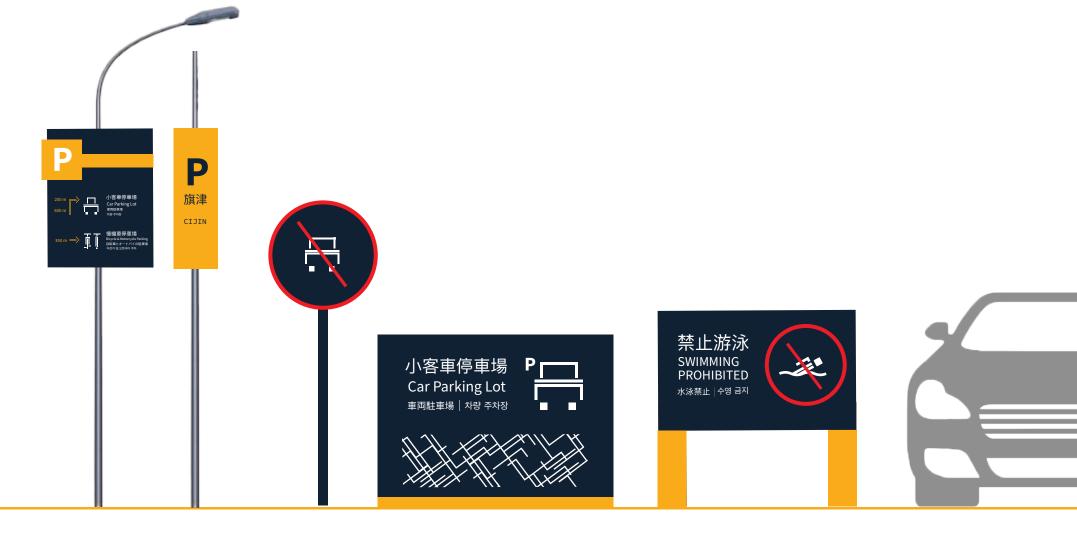












People Signage

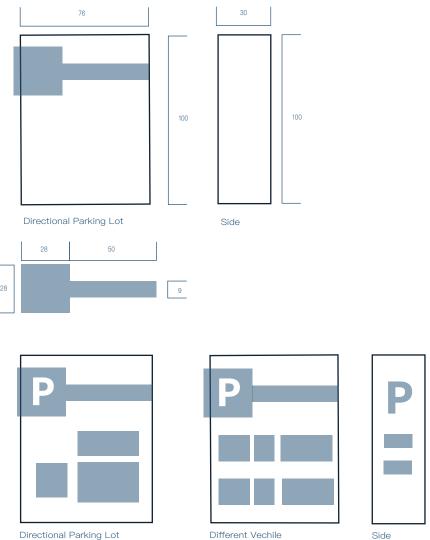




Directional Parking Lot Signage

Material Steel/Stainless Steel Paint
Size_cm (Front)76x100 (Side) 30x100



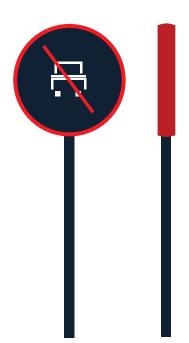


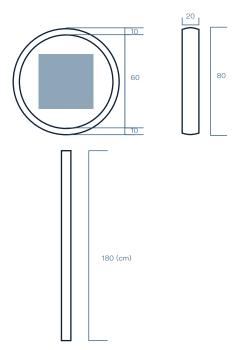


Forbidden Sign

Forbidden Enter. Forbidden Car Enter. Warning Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm (Front)80x260 (Side) 20x260





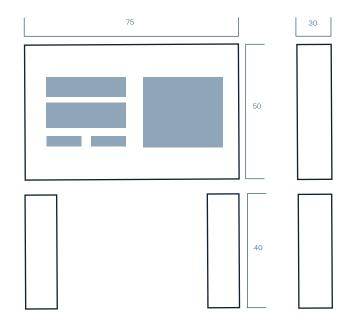


Forbidden Sign with Words

Forbidden Swimming

Material Steel/Stainless steel paint Size_cm (Front)75x90 (Side) 30x90







Narking Lot Signage

Bus Parking. Car Parking. Bicycle & Motorcycle Parking

Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm (Front)120x85 (Side) 20x85



120 30





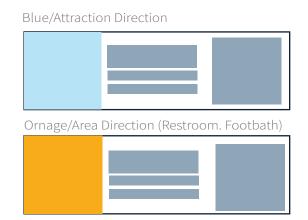
Horizontal Guide Sign

Restroom. Shower Room. Footbath Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm 30 x 100



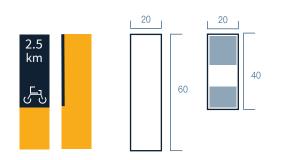
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Biking/Pedicab Distance Sign

Material Acrylic Sheet/Stainless steel paint/Steel Size_cm (Front)20x60 (Side) 20x60







Number. Squat. Sit

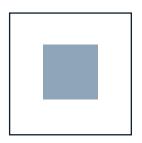
Material Acrylic Sheet/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm 21 x 21











Icon Sign with Words

Ladies' room. Mens' room. Accessible Restroom.
All Gender restroom. Family Restroom
Material Acrylic Sheet/Stainless steel paint
Size_cm 21 x 35











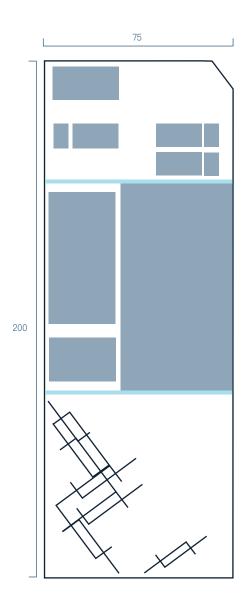
Map Signage + APP

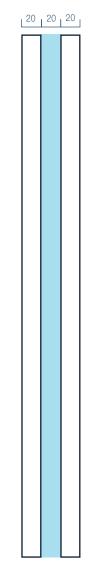
Attraction. Biking Path. Guidance. Download App

Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm (Front)75x200 (Back) 60x200









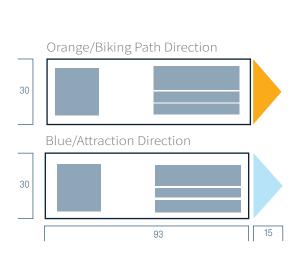
Attraction/Biking Path Direction

Attraction Direction. Biking Path. Pedicab Path

Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

Size_cm (Front)108x260 (Back) 10x260





260



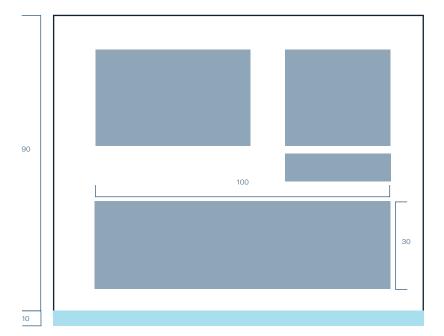
Identification Signage

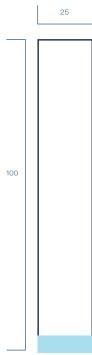
Attraction Signage

Material Steel/Stainless steel paint

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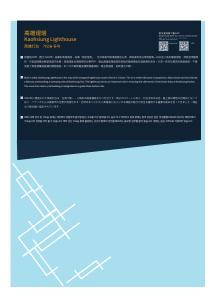


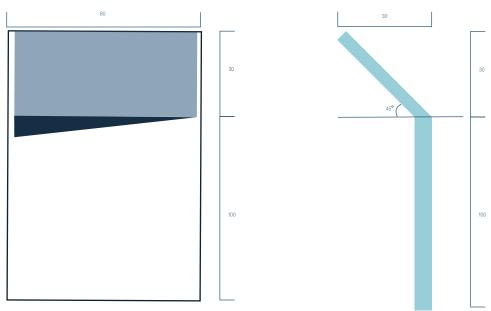






Material Steel/Stainless steel paint
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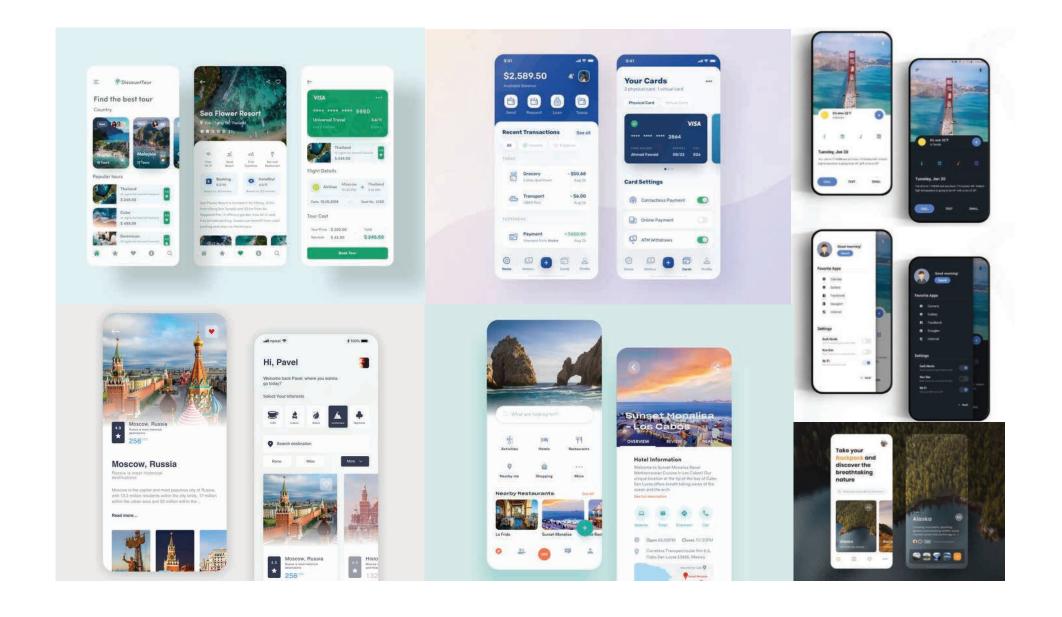




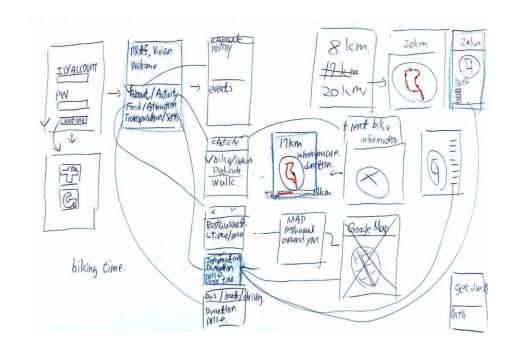




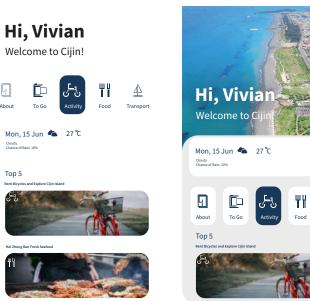
Mobile APP Explore



Mobile APP



I made a flowchart prior before designing the wireframes for the app. The main purpose of the app is the bike path. By providing the direction on the phone, it will lead the tourists to their destination. Through a mobile app, all the signage can be linked together. An app can guide tourists to the identification signages, and it will provide the introductions about attractions. Since the icons were create based on narrow and long geographical features of Cijin itself, this functional aspect also added to the app's visual language - thus, proving to me that the identity system was working well.







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Mobile APP



