
High Living

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The Prefabricated Connected Towers

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Structure

For more than one hundred years after the birth of the skyscraper, the tower design has been confined by a simple notion, a rigid core and heavy perimeter columns. Connected towers have multiple connections between towers at around middle-bottom portion to provide excellent lateral stability, creating an arch shape. One exoskeleton frame holds 8 containers and all structural loads go through these frames, not the stacking of containers.

Life Safety

Again, for more than a century, the basic premise of life safety in tower is the protected core running from top to bottom, no matter how high it is. High-Living provides multiple egress routes since they are sharing the means of egress each other. Also, the bridge area is a legitimate outdoor space for refuge of safety.

Sustainability

The large bridge area, created by structural need, will be generous public park, unprecedented in slum. This creation is possible only through limited number of demolition at the bottom of each tower. This system can grow slowly to expand the elevated green and free the ground for the next phase of urban planning. All units have generous outdoor balconies; water and air are controlled by the concentrated tower system (single entity).

Happiness

The unit configuration provides lots of porosity (light and air) and gradation of semi public, semi private to private and public area. This can be enriched by different prefabricated containers per program needs; Green container for growing, office container, manufacturing container, community container, education container, restaurant container and so on.



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