



Abstract

Chocolate as the most recognized product of cocoa, becomes the worldwide well-known delicacy enjoyed by anyone and everyone but as the years passed by people face a possibility of a great decrease in supply of chocolate by 2020. It is because the supply was ruptured by the change of weather, pests and geopolitical concern, that affect the stability of cocoa production and the changes of price (Grinsven 2009). Foreseeing the cocoa industry in 2020, the ICCO (International Cocoa Organization) declared the shortage of million tons of cocoa if without the promotion, enhancement and empowering the investment in small scale farmers.

The project entitled "Proposed Cocoa Research and Development institute" is an architectural study which envisions to provide an architectural solution that will respond to the problems and needs of cocoa industry in the Philippines. The project proposal also desires to build an efficient and contemporary research and development institute that offers a functional space for multi-disciplinary research and activities of the researchers and guest in improving the learning and enhancing the understanding towards cocoa.

Hence, the outlook of the architectural proposal is intended to accommodate interdisciplinary research, training, production and exhibition of cocoa that will uplift the industry to global competition. The significance of the study would be potential contributors to advance and enhance the knowledge of various audiences in the applicable field of the study.