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ABSTRACT

The Philippines is known as an agricultural country, which serves as a home for many kinds of rare species of tropical fruits. This gift to our country is somehow being left behind. Many of our tropical fruits, like the Carambola, are being left behind for great potentials, locally and globally, due to lack of establishments that can utilize their potentials.

The project proposal, **Proposed Carambola and other Underutilized Tropical Fruits Product Processing Expo and Research Center**, aims to conceptualize an architectural solution which can extract the potential of underutilized tropical fruits in the Philippines by envisioning a research facility that can study the underutilized tropical fruits to their potential extent, a processing plant that could create products from the underutilized tropical fruits, and an exposition center that could showcase all the finished products, including the fruits themselves. The proposal came up with architectural plans such as site development plan, floor plans, elevations, sections, and perspectives as a solution translated into a design.

This study is expected to be beneficial to the agricultural sector and to show that the Philippines can still compete globally without sacrificing its nature as an agricultural country.