The Ideal City

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City Landscape, John Mitchell, 1955
Intro

Being raised in different cities and cultural backgrounds around the world, for thousands of times I dream about what my ideal city would look like. Traditional architectural elements in the Southern Chinese city, applications of various colors and plants with the natural environment and geographical features in San Francisco, the busy public transportation system in “Electric Town” Tokyo, and the perfect combination of modern healthy lifestyle and urban area in Chicago, I have experienced so many highlights of great cities, and now it is my time to show my ideas to the society.
Key Features

Innovation & Creativity

Human Health & Sustainable Environment

Cultural Diversity
Innovation & Creativity

- Firstly, one of the most important key features of the modern/future ideal city is Innovation and Creativity -- the most powerful source in the social development and future shaping. In an ideal city, the proper implication of human’s intelligent invention, such as architecture, can positively contribute a lot to many perspectives of citizens’ lifestyle.
Creative Architecture

“It takes the horsepower of a single Prius to move The Shed in and out.”

The project called *The Shed* by DS+R is an innovative form of “future architectures” designed to physically transform to support the effective use of a limited urban area. Starting with the introduction of this project, I believe an ideal city needs more brilliant and unique ideas to inspire the growth of a city in perspectives like public transportation and preservation of energy.

*The Shed*, Diller Scofidio + Renfro
Ways to achieve innovation and creativity in an ideal city

- **Public training on creativity through education**: The state/local governments support the institutes and education organizations to offer free creativity-training courses and active classrooms for children from age six to twelve.

- **Reservation of future innovation**: An ideal city should always reserve lands and areas for the experiment of different inventions and creative ideas in the future.

- **Opportunities of cooperation**: An ideal city needs to work and communicate with other cities in order to achieve an universal progress and improve itself.
Human Health and Sustainable Environment

An ideal city guarantees the health of all citizens and is responsible for an optimistic future of urban and natural environments. The death rate should be lowered based on the development of technology, the maintenance of nature, and the offers from the governments. Natural resources should be used properly with limitations in order to achieve the coexistence of all creations.

**Healthcare for All Ages**

- Maternal care
- Neonatal care
- Free Health Coverage

**Natural Resources**

- Clear natural energy
- Life on land
- Life below water
1. An ideal city provides better environments for females, especially pregnant women in order to reduce the maternal mortality; pregnant workers should receive certain welfare within the condition of equality, and the price of gravidity and medical treatment should be lowered according to the living condition of the family. In addition, opportunities for adolescent pregnancy should be greatly reduced and even prevented.

2. An ideal city is responsible for the average neonatal mortality. To lower the death rate of children between age one to five, better medical treatments should be open to more families in more locations.

3. Free health coverage is provided by the ideal city in order to reach more people from different cultural, financial backgrounds and ages.
1. **Clear natural energy** is guaranteed to be affordable and used properly with a limitation in an ideal city. The government passes specific laws in order to enforce the use of renewable energy.

2. An ideal city sets clear limits on territorial exploitation and protect resources in the forests as the lands are saved for future experiments (as a purpose for environmental preservation).

3. An ideal city considers the sustainable use of the water resources and the creatures below the water; it also prevents the formation of acid rain and water pollution caused by industrial productions.
Cultural Diversity

- Cultural diversity is an irreplaceable part in an ideal city. A city which rejects to accept different values, visions, standards, and expectations is never able to make a progress. An ideal city has a legal toleration for cultural diversity based on education, equality, and partnerships.
Ways to achieve cultural diversity

1. **Education**: Free public education is provided for every resident in the city until high school graduation. When a family’s income is lower than a certain standard, the organizations or institutes need to provide a fee waiver for the family (the schools cannot refuse to educate a child because of the financial background of his/her family). Public facilities are included in the education. Fine arts facilities, such as libraries, museums, and music halls should be free or sell cheaper tickets to all ages with valid student IDs. More sport facilities should open more often to encourage the citizens to exercise and spend their free time healthily.

2. **Equality**: An ideal city respects and preserve every citizen’s individual right and eliminate unequal situation, such as sexism, ageism, and racism. The value of equality should also be included in public education.

3. **Partnerships**: An ideal city encourages its people to cooperate with each other in order to learn from different cultures.
Thank You

Many Mansions, Kerry Marshall, 1994