



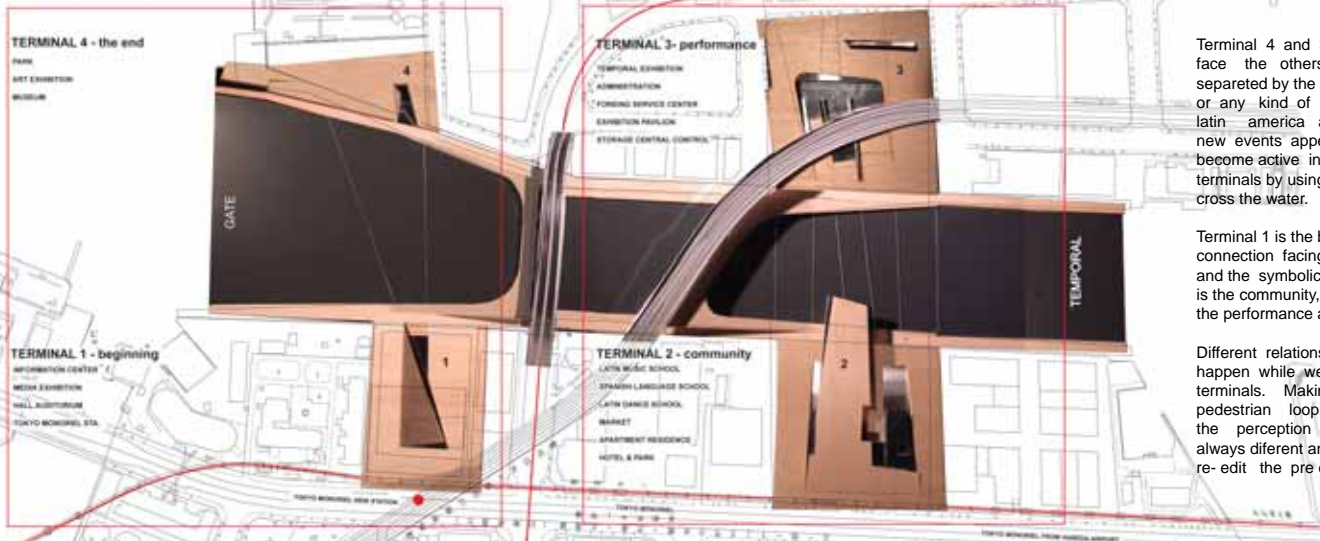
LATIN AMERICAN SURREALISM RE- EDITION OF TOKYO HARBOUR SCAPE

There is a parallel line between the novel and the site in Shinjawa bay. As in the book there is a village or local community and there is a nomade community or gypsies. It is possible to divide the site in two areas as well: the foreign land and the local land. The local area is defined by the west side of the river and the foreign area by the east. Finally both worlds, the novel (virtual) and tokyo bay (real) co-exist at the same time, like to layers of two different cultures overlapped. We can find several elements from the real layer that refer almost directly to the virtual one, for example the river, the apartment houses, the train, the containers and port infrastructure are connected to the book story through almost the same meanings. So the strategy is based on this overlapping by using the existent elements in Tokyo Harbour Scape and referring it to the Latin American culture based on the book 's story which represent the virtual world. In the phisycal level the whole project works based on connections in two different scales. The external ones comes from the Pacific Ocean connecting in Tokyo Harbour and from Haneda Airport connecting with Tokyo Monoriel; while the local ones connect through Yamanote Line from Shinagawa and Hamamatsucho stations. I choose empty sites in the area to create a new programs with the idea to transport latin american culture to tokyo, working as a cuturel central station but divided in 4 terminals, each terminal is the result of overlapping the local program and the foreign one. In the east side i located the temporal programs like, pavilions, exhibition, storage, gallery, museum, service, etc. By contrast in the west side local programs like residence, school, church, auditorium, information, media center and train station were located.



Several elements from the real site (Tokyo Harbour Scape) refer to the virtual one (The book), in the beginning the community just starting along the water. Later become stronger with the technology and the progress

LATIN CULTURAL TRANSFER STATION



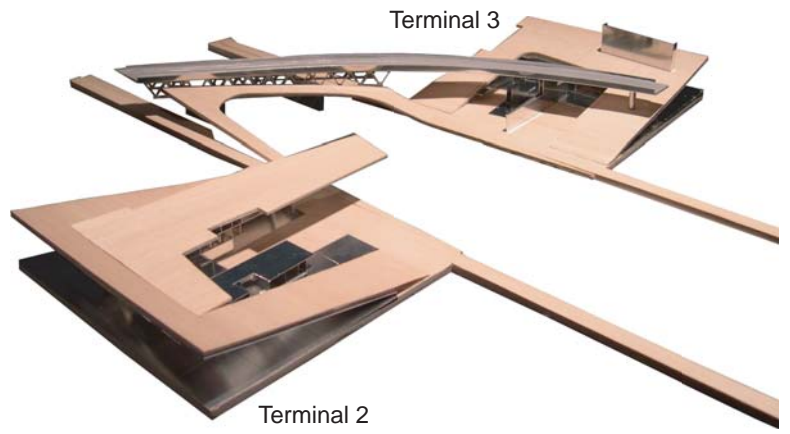
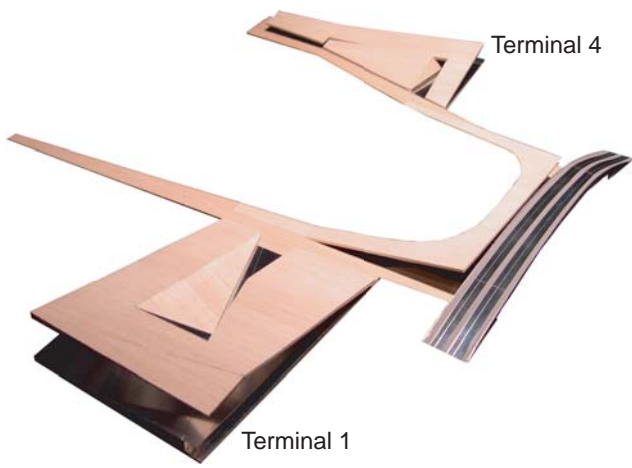
Terminal 4 and 3 are temporals and face the others two local ones but separated by the river, when information or any kind of materials come from latin america and touch Tokyo bay, new events appear and this terminals become active interacting with the local terminals by using the existent bidges to cross the water.

Terminal 1 is the beginning and the local connection facing the end (Terminal 4) and the symbolic programs. Terminal 2 is the community, the local life and face the performance and temporal programs.

Different relations and connections can happen while we move between the terminals. Making a non ending pedestrian loop that not only make the perception of the complex always diferent and personal, but also re- edit the pre existent harbour scape.

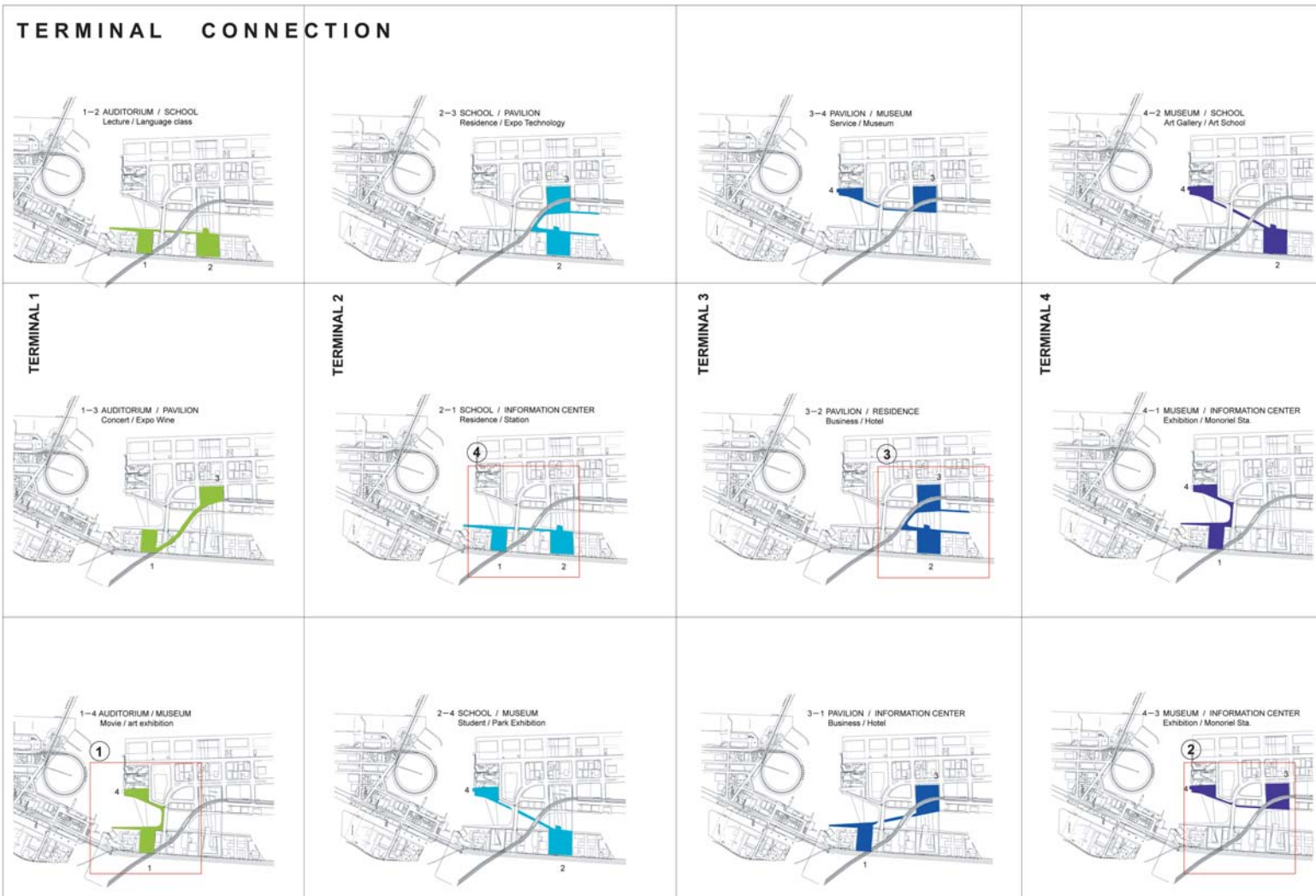
The containers represent the temporal and nomad life like the gypsies in the book. At the end the loop of Rainbow bridge is like the cycle of life that always comeback the beginning, fantasy and reality overlaped



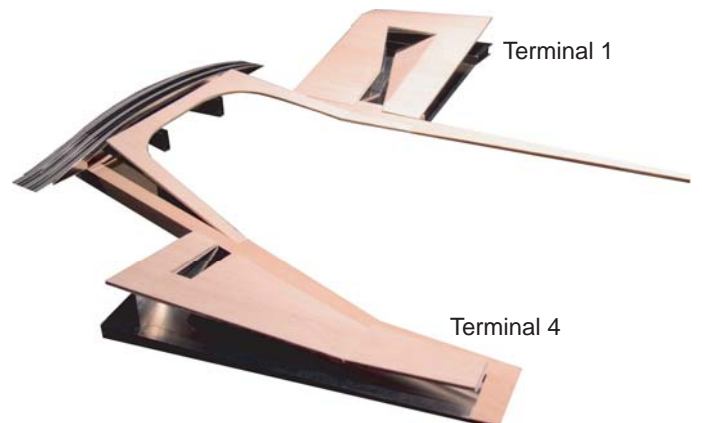
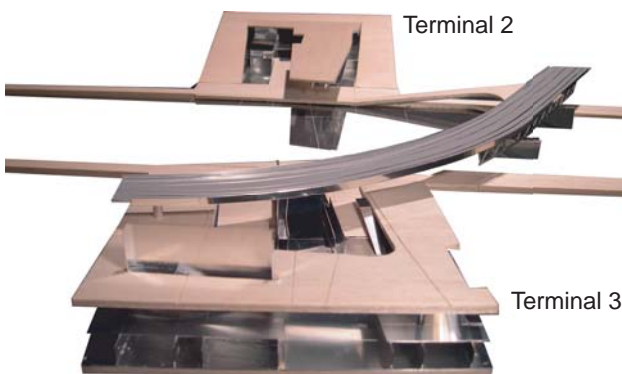


Is not possible to understand the totality from the first approach, just after move in to the project the global nuance comes to our mind like several pieces spread in the landscape. In spite of the fragmentation there are two sub areas with stronger relation: the north and south. In the first one, terminal 1 and 4 (beginning and end facing each others like the book) are connected visually through the water and physically by the highway bridge. In the south area, terminal 2 and 3 face each others and are connected by the train bridge. The water has a symbolic meaning as a filter to pass from the local dimension (west side) to a foreign and temporal one (east side). The architectural expression works as a continuous pedestrian deck wich move from fantasy to reality along and through the water recreating an a mixed new scape in the bay.

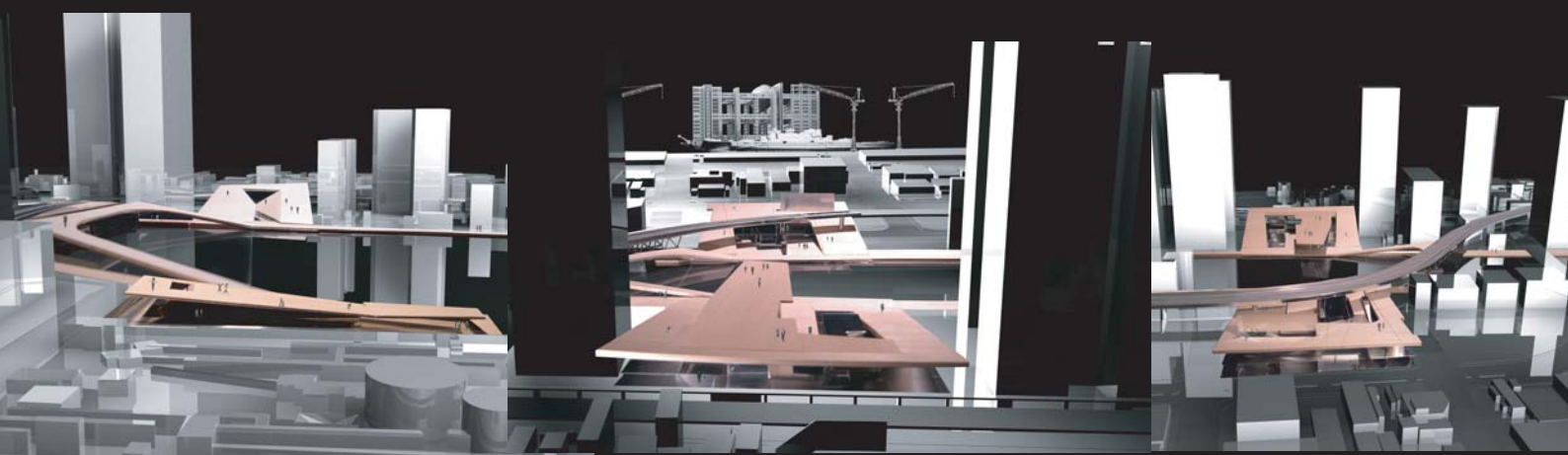
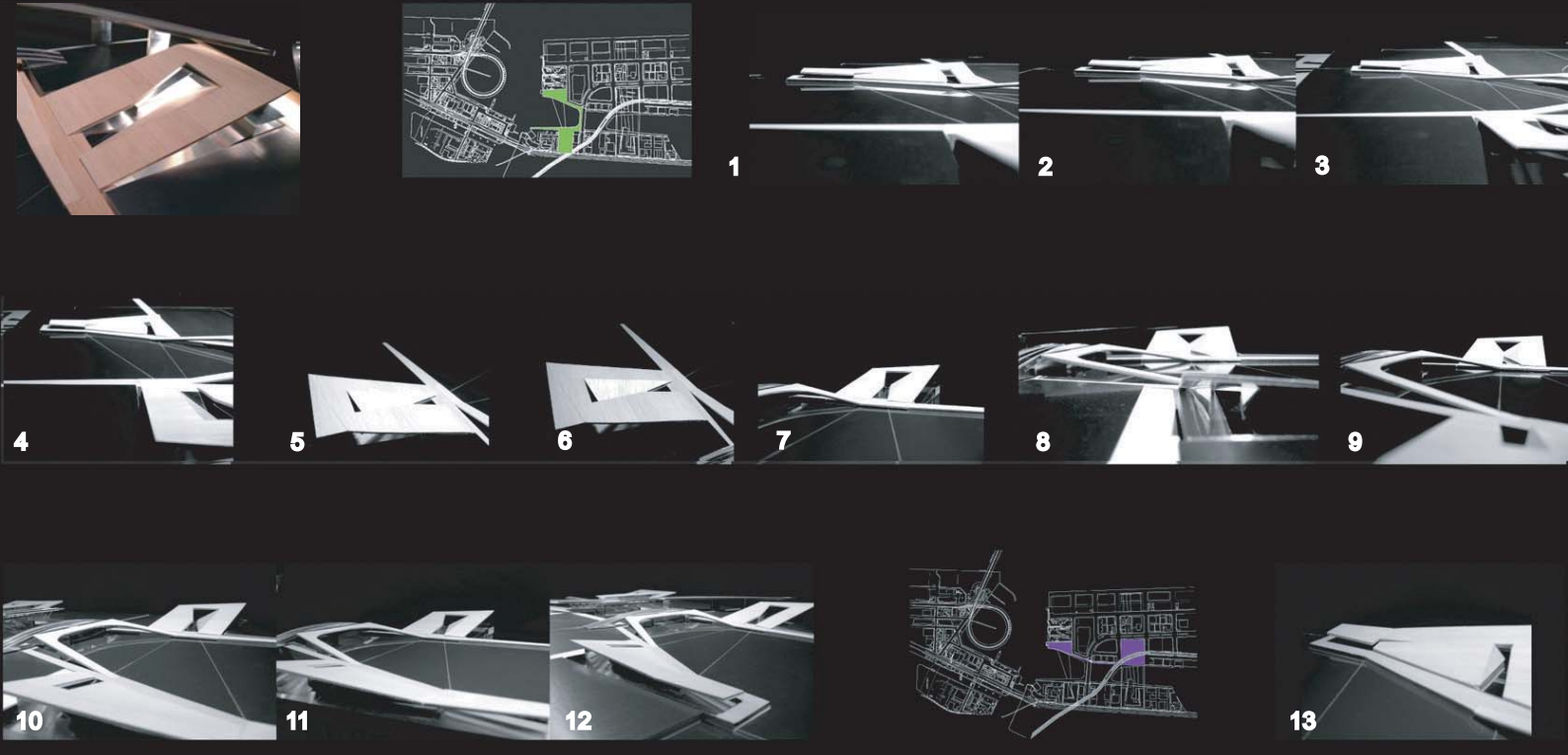
TERMINAL CONNECTION



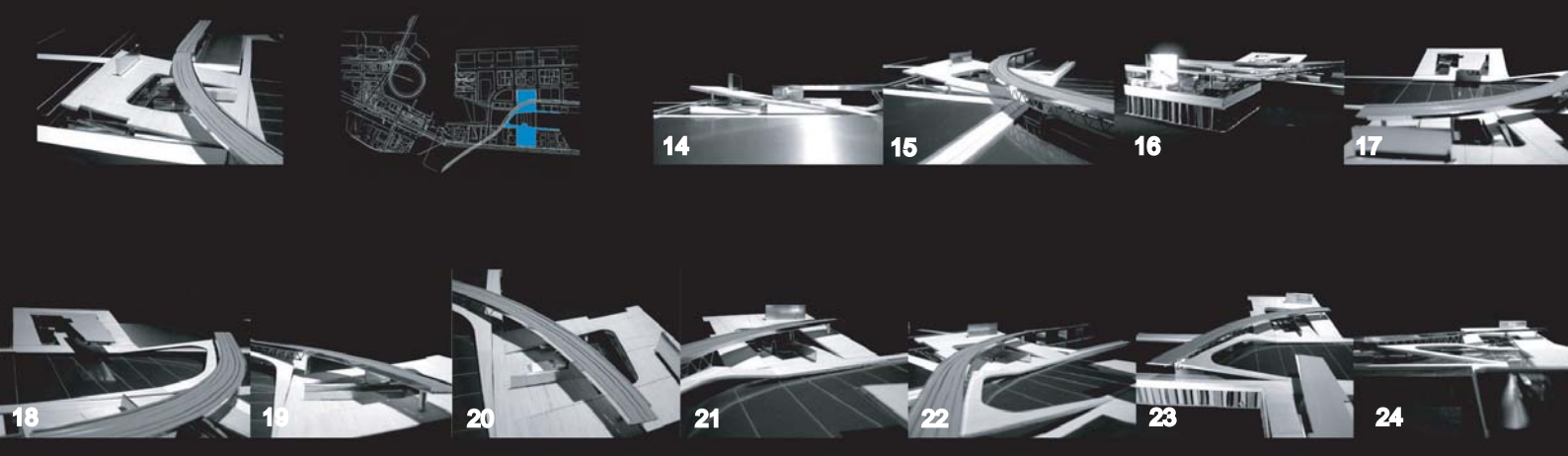
Several connections between each terminal depends of the user, his desire and interest. As each terminal are well connected to the city network through bus stops, train station, port deck and airport, the project become an intersection of diferent users, japanese, foreigns, tourist, business travelers, latin community and residents connect in to the project from diferent terminals and programs. Therefore is not possible to fix a map or a description about how to move inside the complex, every person can choose different combinations making a new map everyday. This choices are personals and sometimes unpredictable. I made a simulation from one person point of view inside the project and its different combinations. This is one way to explain the totality, like a movie or collections of events, each fragment or picture made by the sequence of one person from the beginning to the end constitutes the project itself. Finally like in Garcia Marquez's novel the diagram is a cycle that always comeback to the beginning.



BEGINNING



PERFORMANCE



COMMUNITY



