Spedagi Tokyo Project:
Social design project that improves local sustainability by creating social cooperation in the local community.

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Context.

Hachioji city is located in the western part of Tokyo where TZU is located. Although this area is the suburb of Tokyo and rich in nature, local traditional cultures, and civil activities, it is faced with the difficulties of social innovation towards sustainability because everyone is doing business-as-usual.
Project.

The project is a social cooperation project started from 2017 as an authorized class of TZU. The project develops balance bike for kids made from local materials and workshop programs using the bike. The students participate in activities of local NPOs in order to acquire materials required for the project and they can contribute to social and ecological benefits to the community as a result. The project functions as an agent that reorganizes the stakeholders, and social cooperation through the project creates a new value that improves ecological, social and cultural sustainability in the community by making the most of local potentials.
Design process.
2017~the Present
Acquisition of the budget of social cooperation project from TZU and development of bamboo balance bike for kids and development and implementation of workshop programs using the bike with TZU students.
Activism and civic participation.

Many organizations, such as NPOs and citizen groups, in the community where TZU is located support the development and implementation of workshop programs. Families join the workshops held in child events. As a result they can expand their activities and foster civic participation in their activities because the project creates opportunities for people to encounter through the project.
Social interactions and relations.

The project collaborates with local NPOs and citizen groups. The students of TZU join their activities in order to prepare for the workshops. It helps stimulate their activities and brings about a new value that improves local sustainability as a result of social cooperation, which would not happen if there is no project.
Production, distribution and consumption.

Frame of the balance bike for kids is made from bamboo and local wood. The joint part is made by 3D printer. Kids ride the bike in the workshop. The workshop programs are created and implemented by the students through social cooperation with local stakeholders.
Skill training and design education.

The project can help the stakeholders to learn about ecological, social, cultural aspects of the community, which is required in order to enhance attachment to the community.
Storytelling and visualization.

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