

## *Design statement*

### *children's garden*

*People can have good social relationships by making many friends in the garden where provides them flexible place for playing and learning simultaneously as a healing. Flexibility means that in architecture, a building has more expandable space for multipurpose uses with be able to contain diverse activities. Today, Karin-dom building tends to be used for just learning or therapy spaces that less flexible facility often weakens the creating social relationships in early childhood for children. Generally, people can develop their social skills and behaviors through diverse activities and events in the gardens and parklands. And this notion let me explore and expand on the concept of the building as the garden, providing flexible learning space with various activities for their development of sociality. Furthermore, the relationship between built form and nature encourages me consider the building which is surrounded by trees in the parkland, using a minimum area of site for protecting the trees and creating garden space for children.*

*In terns of place making, the new Karin-dom building needs to have semi-garden space, which allows the building to be connected to the parkland area with trees. It lets people to have the experience of expandable space to outside of parkland from inside of the building. It makes building flexible toward outside like the garden. Godsell explained this semi-space, In traditional Japanese architecture, the aisle(semi-space) is not continuous when added to a structure (hisashi) but is fluid space when an inner building is partitioned (hedate) to cause an aisle to be formed. Here Godsell emphasized the importance of semi-space for connecting inside and outside space, where the new Karin-dom building could be closed down or opened it up to alter the learning space and its relationship to the surrounding parkland. Therefore, the new Karin-dom should become a place where people could approach in/out-space for their multi-uses and activities to build social relationships, improving the flexibility.*