

Imperial City

Hoàng Thành



Photo 1 Can Chanh Palace



Photo 2 Thai Hoa Palace



Photo 3 Hien Lam Pavilion



Photo 4 Hien Nhon Gate



Photo 5 Thai To Temple



Photo 6 Ngo Mon Gate

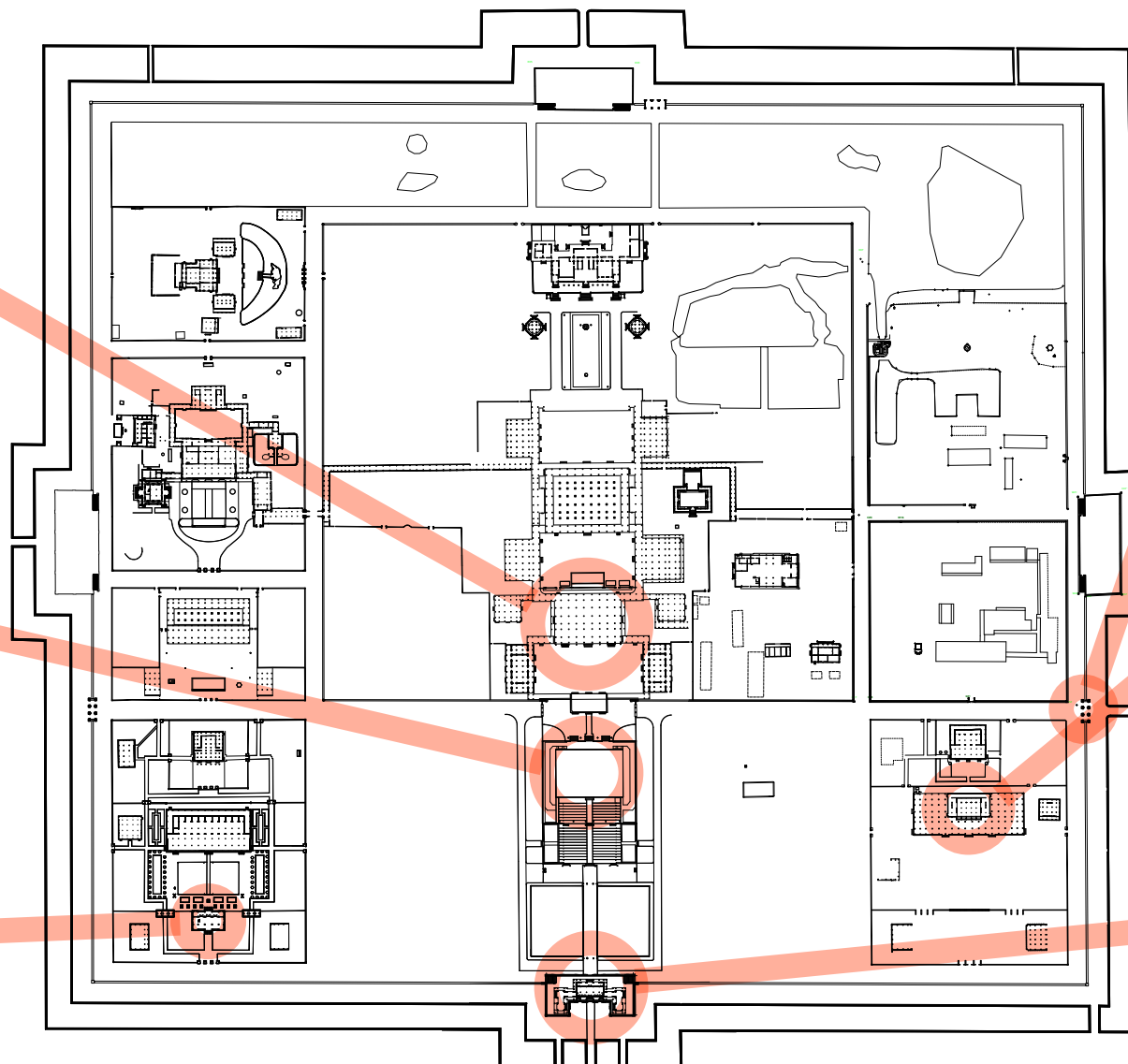


Fig. 1 Site plan of the Imperial City



Photo 7 Aerial photograph of the Forbidden Purple City



Photo 8 A scene of survey at the Imperial City with electronic distant meter

❖ Introduction:

The Imperial City where the Emperor carried out his official functions is located in the center of the citadel. It consists of many important buildings, for instance the Ngo Mon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Forbidden Purple City and so on. The Forbidden Purple City, where was the Emperor's habitation area, is located in the center of the Imperial City, and all buildings in the Imperial City are arranged according to the function at right-and-left symmetry with a central focus on it.

❖ Purpose of the research:

Buildings in Hue, especially in the Imperial City is valuable to study of the architecture during the Nguyen Dynasty. As shown by it is the UNESCO World Heritage Sites as the complex of Hue Monuments, it is brought to international attention. So it needs academic achievements appropriate to its value. The research of the Imperial Palace makes the architecture during the Nguyen Dynasty clear, and research estimates will go a long way to reconstruction of the Can Chanh Palace, our supreme purpose.

❖ Method of the research:

The method of research is broadly classified into two categories. One is the method of measuring buildings with some rules by hand. The other is the method of measuring physical relationship among buildings with electronic distant meter.

❖ Achievement of the research:

This drawing (Fig. 1) is a part of achievement of the joint research of Waseda Univ. and HMCC. It is constructed by each drawings combined with the site plan. Complete drawing will be carried out soon.

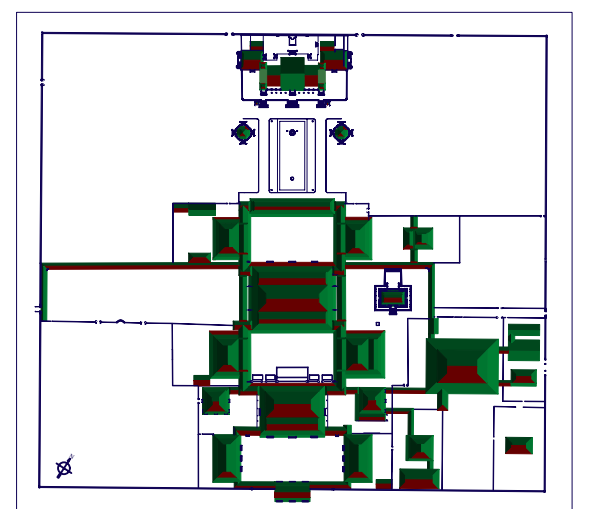


Fig. 2 Restoration of composition of the Forbidden Purple City

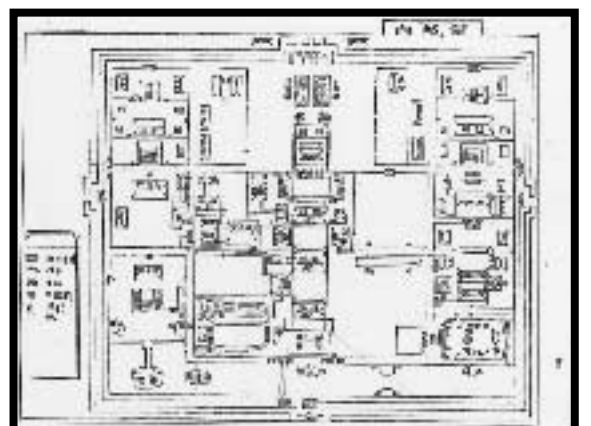


Fig. 3 Site plan of the Imperial City printed in the *Dai Nam Nhat Tong Zhi*