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are not just becoming

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The conversion of Taiwan's former Lintianshan forestry town into a cultural park and visitor attraction negotiates the site's colonial history, writes *John Lin*



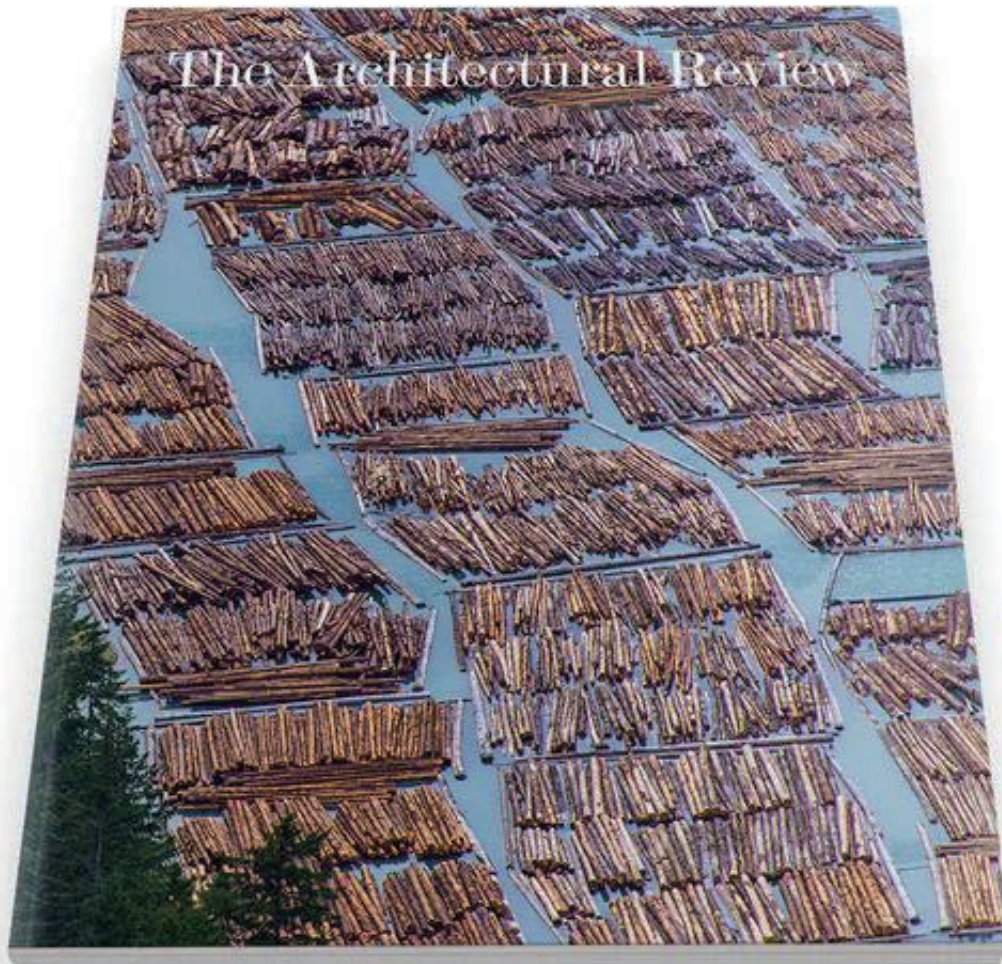
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During the Japanese colonisation of Taiwan, between 1905 and 1945, four large forestry sites were established on the island, including Lintianshan (top). Push carts were used to transport logs, with operators holding wooden levers to slow them down and avoid accidents (above left). Rail infrastructure (left) established by Japanese engineers connected the sites and enabled the shipping of forestry products back to Japan



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