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The gesture of thinking makes a building a work of architecture. Building a work of architecture is the gesture of thinking. I, Arkgo Chen, am a Masters student studying at the University of British Columbia with a passion for visual communication and urban ecology. As a Vancouverite, I am strongly inspired by my surrounding environment, which consists of divine nature and vibrant culture. This inspiration always relates to my experience with architecture. My visit to Teshima Art Museum in Japan was a critical sustainable architectural inspiration for me - it was a space that comes into being as something that goes back to nature as it is. I came to realize that a work of sustainable architecture is to contribute back to the surrounding environment, to re-discover an identity that belongs, to re-establish experience that evokes memories, and to recall that "design" is to solve problems of the age.