An old couple struggled to maintain their 120 years old house, at times patching its roof leaks with metal sheets. Over the years, the house had been added with a 30 years old annex, an earth-built storage, and a wooden storage, making it quite cramped within the site boundaries. In starting the project, we made it a goal to regain some open space within the site while thinking about what it means to renovate a house that the family ancestors have taken care of for such a long time. We decided to strip the house down to its very original timber structural frame by taking down everything that had been added thereafter. The 120 years old house was in itself a site condition upon which to build, so we wanted to re-plan the spaces around its structure to fit modern needs rather than building an economical version with classic aesthetics.