



Oguni Town Kitazato **Elementary School** Gymnasium (Oguni Town) Architects: Kaoru Suehiro + NKS Architects Completed in March 2003 Developer: Oguni Town



The exterior metal wall acts like a screen that reflects the sky and nature. Inside, cedar wood creates a soft, wooden space. A soft light shines down from a skylight and envelops the gymnasium. This is the stage to raise the future of Oguni Town.

71 Ichinomiya Quaint Country Market Processing Factory "Kobo Aso Monogatari" (Aso City) Architect: Noriaki Okabe Completed in March 2004 Developer: Aso City

The building, which has a 360-degree view of the ring of mountains surrounding Mt. Aso's crater, was built to blend into the park's natural environment. The contrast between the white walls and soft light 革 streaming in through the high windows on the north side, the red kitchen inspired by Aso's famous tomatoes, and exquisite and subtle ceiling lined with cedar wood creates a bright and festive space.

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We will construct a cultural legacy to pass on to succeeding generations.

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Amakusa



16 Ushibuka Haiya Bridge (Amakusa City) Architects: Renzo Piano and Peter Rice, Noriaki Okabe and Maeda engineering Completed in August 1997 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture

Wharf "Kaisaikan" (Amakusa City)

This facility was built in Ushibuka Town, Amakusa City, the

southern-most point of the Amakusa Islands. It combined a bus

and ferry terminal and serves as a hub for tourists who come by

land or by sea to enjoy marine tourism. The whole building is an

and creates a feeling of open space. This facility has the potential

44 Ushibuka Fisherman's

to bring the town of Ushibuka to life.

Architect: Hiroshi Naito

Completed in March 1997

Developer: Amakusa City

A suspension bridge or cable stayed bridge would have been structurally too assertive. A much simpler system of continuous girders was selected instead so that the bridge might appear as a single line floating in the landscape and thus blend in with the natural environment. The windbreak and curved surface of the bottom of the bridge divide the five-meter high, concrete girders into three parts, creating a rhythmical pattern of light and shadow. The ridge is a delicate and highly expressive curved line that floats 19 meters above the water.





68 Reihoku Community Hall (Reihoku Town) Architects: Hitoshi Abe and Yasuaki Onoda Completed in March 2002 Developer: Reihoku Town

This facility consists of a hall with 207 seats and a community center for the Shiki District. It is simple in organization; all superfluous elements have been eliminated. The hall includes a stage set at the same level as the seats so as to give a feeling of expansiveness. The seats are set at an angle to provide a good view of the stage. Large doors at the rear of the seating area can be opened to make the hall spatially continuous with the community center. This enables the space to be used more efficiently and in more diverse ways. Received the AIJ (Architectural Institute of Japan) Award in 2003.









> Yatsushiro Municipal Museum (Yatsushiro City) Architect: Toyoo Ito Located on top of a hill, the museum features an airy roof that seems to float above the entrance hall, Completed in March 1991 café, and other open spaces below. The storage house is wrapped in a metallic membrane and Developer: Yatsushiro City located above the roof. It serves as a symbol of the museum and is the "Shosoin of the future".



34 Yunomae Cartoon Museum and Community Center (Yunomae Town) 76 Ashikita Community Hall (Ashikita Town) Architect: Hideaki Katsura

Completed in November 1992 Developer: Yunomae Town

This building was based on the shape of the traditional toy "pheasant horses" made The 5 irregular-shaped arcs that look like they have been clipped, as in the Hitoyoshi/Kuma region. The townsfolk have come to recognize the five pairs of well as the wooden ceiling made with local timber to resemble weaved parent and child pheasants playing in the green hills as the new symbol of Yunomae. bamboo are the distinguishing features of this facility.





52 Kumamoto Prefecture Ashikita Youth Center (Ashikita Town) Architects: Elia Zenghelis and Eleni Gigantes Completed in June 1998 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture





Architects: Akiko Takahashi and Hiroshi Takahashi/Workstation Completed in January 2009

Developer: Ashikita Town



74 Kyusendo Recreation Village "Final Wooden House" (Kuma Vilage) Architect: Sosuke Fujimoto Completed in July 2008

Developer: Kuma-mura Forestry Cooperative The Wooden House was constructed by stacking impressive

cedar beams 350mm wide and 350mm thick on top of each other. Inside is a three-dimensional space that utilizes the varying levels of the beams.





drawn out towards the sea.

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The goal of this project was to create a facility that allows visitors to enjoy the natural environment in Ashikita. The facility is divided into three buildings, each of them connected by corridors. The buildings are placed on two hills each with steep slopes, preserving views of the sea.

functions of a station square. The roadside screen was designed to both evoke the long wall of Kumamoto



78 Uto Municipal Uto Elementary School (Uto City) Architects: Kazuhiro Kojima and Kazuko Akamatsu/CAt

Completed in July 2011 Developer: Uto City

-shaped walls support flat slabs on each floor and create a single, expansive space interspersed with courtyards. Ceiling-high folding to create a spacious area the rest of the year.



Public Restroom (Kumamoto City) Architects: Hiroshi Ota/Design Neuob ompleted in March 201 Developer: Kumamoto City

magnificent river



23 Ayunose Bridge (Yamato Town) Architects: Miyoko Ono and Chuo Gijutsu Consultants Completed in June 1999 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture

This bridge emphasizes the tension expressed in a cable-stayed bridge and offers a response to the rugged, precipitous character of the valley. The metallic-orange cables seem to change their character from moment doors that border the building can be closed during winter and opened to moment against the valley's green backdrop. In addition to giving people the opportunity to walk across, Ayunose Bridge also provides an open area near its foundations where people can view the landscape.



20 Seiwa Bunraku Puppet Theater (Yamato Town) Architect: Kazuhiro Ishii

Completed in March 1992 Developer: Yamato Town

ture was made as large as the Building Standard Law permits: 13 school grounds; and interact with community members in a school open meters. The eaves are 9 meters tall.



79 Uto Municipal Amitsu Elementary School (Uto City Architects: Kazunari Sakamoto/Atlier and I Completed in March 2011 Developer: Uto City This is a theater for a form of bunraku that has been performed in Seiwa In this facility students learn under a thin and continuous vaulted roof; since the late Edo period. This conventional wood-construction struc- play with teachers on the veranda under the eaves, and around the

> Misato Forestry Center (Misato Town) Architect: Taira Nishizawa



to community members.

This mostly flat building consists of a space equivalent to two mini-volleyball courts that can be used for citizens' meetings or recreation. An irregularly shaped, wooden structure is incased by an outer glass cube. Looking from the outside in, the building resembles a man-made bush on the hillside



35 Kumamoto Prefecture Ryujabira Public Housing Complex

(Kumamoto City) hitect: Makoto Motokura

Completed in February 1994 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture his building incorporates two types of

on the 1st floor. The pillars create a

Kumamoto Prefecture Hotakubo Daiichi Public Housing Complex (Kumamoto City)

 Architect: Riken Yamamoto Completed in August 1991 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture

Apartment blocks are normally arranged to face south in orderly rows at regular intervals. Here, however each housing unit is arranged around a central open sign: a staggered, stepped-type with space intended to provide a place for all residents of broad terraces and a pillar-type used the 110 housing units to come together and share.

visual continuity between the street and the inner part of the housing project. Received the AIJ (Architectural Institute of Japan) Award in 1995.

33 Prefectural Museum of Art Chibajo Branch

(Kumamoto City) Architects: Elias Torres and Jose Antonio Martinez La Penya/Daiwa Architects Completed in October 1992 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture

Set in a quiet location, this building was built to complement the gallant stone walls of Kumamoto Castle nearby; it seems to call out A small landmark on the banks of the Shirakawa River, this and respond to the majesty of the Castle. The roof protrudes upward public restroom is located only a few minutes from Kumamoto like the helmet of a samurai and is designed to be able to store Station. For those crossing the bridge, this charming structure exhibit panels. Inside, the building takes on a warmer atmosphere adds a fun and uplifting touch to a landscape featuring a thanks to the floor-to-ceiling wood panels that stretch all the way to the 4th floor.



Northern Kumamoto





Architect: Tadao Ando Completed in April 1992 Developer: Kumamoto Prefecture

21 Prefectural Decorative Tumulus Museum (Yamaga City)

The Decorative Tumulus Museum is the first museum in Japan that specializes in ancient burial mounds. The museum uses models, images, or the actual items themselves to display what has been excavated. The museum, which is shaped like a key-hole and resembles a modern-day burial mound, sits in a landscape dotted by actual ancient burial mounds.



29 Tamana City Observatory Museum (Tamana City) Architect: Masaharu Takasaki

Completed in September 1992 Developer: Tamana City

This museum is composed of three layers. The ground floor is the "Seat of Earth" where people can interact with one another. Going up the stairs one finds the "Seat of Clouds" where one can exchange good wishes with the surrounding nature. The last layer, the "Seat of Stars", reaches toward the sky. The treasure room, located in the center of the building, is a micro-cosmos. It contains a lotus flower that symbolizes happiness and three arrows that represent the development of Tamana. Like a living organism, the building's environment is complex and wondrous.

45 Shiranui Culture Plaza (Uki City) OArchitects: Atsushi Kitagawara and Ito Architects and Associates Completed in April 1999 Developer: Uki City

Shiranui Town, Uki City is famous for the sea fire (Shiranui) phenomenon, a mysterious shadow of fire that floats on the sea. Located in the town's cultural zone, the Shiranui Culture Plaza uses the sea fire phenomenon as the theme for a louver screen that softens the light. The Art Museum and Library inside are conceived as open and flexible spaces that permit great freedom of activity. The plaza in front is intended to be a place where people can visit, relax, and sense the long history of Shiranui.







Architects: Jun Aoki and Chuo Gijutsu Consultants Completed in June 1995 Developer: Yamato Town

> This bridge is located in the center of Mamihara, Yamato Town, which lies on the Kumamoto-Miyazaki prefectural border and was once a flourishing town where people rested for then night. The bridge gradually splits into two the closer one moves towards the middle. The upper level leads to a pair of rocks joined by a sacred rope. The lower level is a "reverse arched bridge" that dips down toward the river; through two round holes in the floor one can look down on the water. The planks are made by local cedar. The bridge is one unified tructure without breaks that contains two layers and columns.



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