# Kumamoto City Kami–Ezu Lakeside Public Restroom



## **Architectural Outline**

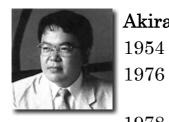
The men's, women's and multipurpose toilets were accommodated in small separate structures and arranged inside a large curved wall. The floors of the toilets were made slightly higher than usual because the water level of the lake rises in times of heavy rain. The high windows, which all take similar forms though they are different in nature, produce a rhythmical skyline and are a direct expression of the introduction of daylight. They create well-lit, reassuring interiors.



#### **Architectural Data**

| Name                    | Kumamoto City Kami-ezu Lakeside Public<br>Restroom |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Location                | 1-6 Kuwamizu-honmachi, Kumamoto City               |
| Main function           | public toilet                                      |
| Developer               | Kumamoto City                                      |
| Architects              | Hitaya Design Office (Akira Hida)                  |
| General contractors     | Yoshiko Construction                               |
| Site area               | 435 square meters                                  |
| Building area           | 46 square meters                                   |
| Total floor area        | 46 square meters                                   |
| Extent                  | one aboveground floor                              |
| Structure               | reinforced concrete construction                   |
| Construction period     | January 1989 - May 1989                            |
| Total construction cost | 23 million                                         |

## Profile of architect



### Akira Hida

| 1954 | Born in Kumamoto Prefecture                                                               |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1976 | Graduated from Department of Architecture,<br>Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University |
| 1978 | Completed graduate studies, Kumamoto University                                           |
| 1978 | Entered Shoei Yoh + Architects                                                            |
| 1986 | Established Hitaya Design Office                                                          |
| 1991 | Incorporated Hitava Design Office; president                                              |

## •Principal Works

Tenyamachi PJ; WL Satellite Office; Rakushi Kaido; Sakata Clinic; Wada Clinic; Hideo Kawara Dental Clinic; Kikuchi House; Yano Clinic; etc.

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