

# Tamana City Observatory Museum



## Architectural Outline

The architect has attempted to create a building that is a living work of social art, in which nature and history reside and which records the passing of time and the seasons; a place where one can contemplate and view space and the flow of time and from which one can observe the gradual development of the town; a building that is a seemingly living "environmental organism", actively incorporating the beauty of the natural environment and containing within it high artistic quality and natural energy.



## Architectural Data

Name	Tamana City Observatory Museum
Location	1144 Takada, Okura, Tamana City
Main function	observatory, community room
Developer	Tamana City
Architects	Takasaki Architects
General contractors	Iwashita Corporation
Site area	177,402 square meters
Building area	171 square meters
Total floor area	99 square meters
Extent	two aboveground floors
Structure	reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	March 1991- September 1992
Total construction cost	145 million

## Profile of architect



### Masaharu Takasaki

- 1953 Born in Kagoshima Prefecture
- 1976 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Meijo University
- 1977 Studied under Professor Architect Peter Cook (London University)
- 1981 Collaborated with professors at Universitat Stuttgart and Technische Universitat Graz
- 1982 Established Takasaki Monobito Institute
- 1990 Established Takasaki Architects Currently Honorary Fellow of RIBA; professor, Kyoto University of Art & Design

●Principal Works

Zero Cosmology; Kihoku-cho Astronomical Museum;  
Nanohanakan (The Kagoshima Community Center for  
seniors)

●Awards

「Honorary Fellow, Royal Institute of British Architects  
(RIBA); Jencks Award, RIBA; the best Young Architect of  
the Year of the Japan Institute of Architects, etc.

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