

Toto Aquapit Aso, Public Restroom



Architectural Outline

The aim of the project was to reexamine public toilets in Japan and to develop a model type of public toilet. A comprehensive plan for the ideal public toilet was devised, one that included not just architectural design but method of management and maintenance. A method for actually designing public toilets in national parks, where rigorous scenic standards must be met and severe meteorological conditions endured, was developed and applied.



Architectural Data

Name	TOTO Aquapit Aso Public Restroom
Location	3845-19 Kobocho, Nakamatsu, Hakusui-mura, Aso-gun; Kobocho Chushajo Sanjo Hiroba
Main function	public toilet
Developer	TOTO Ltd.
Architects	(Yasufumi Kijima) YAS & Urbanists
General contractors	Hashimoto Corporation
Building area	60 square meters
Total floor area	69 square meters
Extent	two aboveground floors
Structure	reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	August 1991 - March 1992
Total construction cost	91 million

Profile of architect



Yasufumi Kijima

- 1937 Born in Haeju, Korea
- 1962 Graduated from Department of Architecture, School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University
- 1966 Completed master's course, Waseda University; entered Kenzo Tange + Urtec; lecturer, Haile Selassie University, Ethiopia
- 1980 Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University
- 1991 Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Chiba University
- 1992 Died

●Principal Works

Kamimuta Matsuo Shrine; Kyusendo Forestry Museum;
Toryo Prefectural High School, Kumamoto; Tochio Sports
Center; Kumamoto Kusabacho Church

●Awards

1985 Architectural Institute of Japan Award

1990 Togo Murano Award

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