

Izumi Village Center



Architectural Outline

This facility basically serves two different functions, and that is reflected in the distinctive forms of its two buildings. The local-produce and restaurant building, meant for visitors to the village, is a wooden structure, L-shaped in plan, with a large roof supported on columns; the space underneath the roof is largely open. The so-called "conference room building", which serves as the town's welfare facility, is designed as if it had been carved from a solid piece of wood. It serves as the visual focus for the plaza and the site as a whole. Both buildings are clad externally in cedar boards, symbolizing the importance of forestry to the town. The local products and restaurant building has a wooden screen with horizontal stripes. The roof, bathed by the light of the afternoon sun, floats over terraced fields with stone walls. Such fields are the most impressive man-made sights in Izumi-mura. The design is intended to express the townpeople's willingness to confront nature.



Architectural Data

Name	Izumi Village Center
Location	3296-1 Take, Izumi-mura, Yatsushiro-gun
Main function	tourist information center and local products hall
Developer	Izumi Village
Architects	Koji Takeda and Logos Design
General contractors	Nichido Komuten
Site area	8,447 square meters
Building area	1,991 square meters
Total floor area	1,860 square meters
Extent	two aboveground floors
Structure	wooden construction; partly reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	September 1995 - March 1997
Total construction cost	689 million



Koji Takeda

- 1950 Born in Miyazaki Prefecture
- 1973 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 1978 Assistant, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 1985 Engaged in the development of farming villages in Kalimantan, Indonesia
- 1986 Established Koji Takeda, Architects
- 1988 Part-time lecturer, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 1997 Part-time lecturer, Tokai University

●**Principal Works**

Nanao Residence; Tomioka Residence; Komoro Residence; Ao; Hodogaya Residence; Zempukuji Residence; Museum Park Alfapiar

●**Awards**

1998 Architectural Institute of Japan Award

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