

Arao Police Station Nagasu Police Box



Architectural Outline

To make the koban (police box) seem a more friendly place, the vestibule was made an open, glassed-in space. At the same time, expressive thick walls of brick were arranged in a rhythmical manner on the street side to provide the facility with necessary protection. The building was kept low so as to blend into the townscape in the area. A flat, circular roof has been floated above the wall at the corner facing the intersection so as to make the koban's presence known. The projecting roof provides shelter from the rain for passersby and invites people into the koban. At night, light from inside the koban is reflected off the lower surface of the roof and helps illuminate the street.



Architectural Data

Name	Arao Police Station Nagasu Police Box
Location	2006 Shimobara, Nagasu, Nagasu-machi, Tamana-gun
Main function	koban
Developer	Kumamoto Prefectural Police Headquarters
Architects	Architectural Studio Works (Masatoshi Tsukamoto)
General contractors	Kyowa Kensetsu
Site area	1,118 square meters
Building area	186 square meters
Total floor area	152 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete construction; partly steel-frame construction
Construction period	October 1995 - March 1996
Total construction cost	69 million

Profile of architect



Masatoshi Tsukamoto

- 1951 Born in Kumamoto Prefecture
- 1975 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University
- 1975 Worked at Sogo Kenchiku Sekkei Kenkyujo
- 1985 Participated in establishment of Architectural Studio WORKS

●Principal Works

Pasco Tenjin; Pavilion Yoko; Matsuhima Dental Clinic
etc.

●Awards

1985 Prize, Shinkenchiku 2001 Style Design
Competition

1990 Prize, Obiyama Housing Complex Design
Competition

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