

# Koshi Health and Welfare Center



## Architectural Outline

This is a public facility of a new type, oriented to the twenty-first century: a welfare facility that is integrated with a local community center. Zones are suggested within the building by alternately opening up and narrowing space. Five departments (day center, health center, children's center, welfare support center and local communication hall) are thus organically linked, and people of different generations are able to communicate in an effortless way. An attempt has been made to provide a new solution for this type of facility. The vehicular approach is divided into two according to use, making circulation smoother. Large graphic signs also make it easier for users to get around. A committee of welfare-related and community representatives helped develop the program for the building with the aim of creating bright, pleasant spaces that serve as a gathering place for local residents.



### Architectural Data

Name	Koshi Health and Welfare Center
Location	2251-1 Suya, Nishigoshi-machi, Kikuchi-gun
Main function	health and welfare center
Developer	Nishigoshi Town
Architects	Imamura Masaki Architects and Tajiri Sekkei
General contractors	joint venture of Mitsuno Construction and Minakami Kenzai Kensetsu
Site area	7,257.84 square meters
Building area	3,522.06 square meters
Total floor area	3,152.30 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	July 2001 - May 2002
Total construction cost	772 million



**Masaki Imamura**

- 1953 Born in Nagasaki Prefecture
- 1977 Graduated from Department of Architecture, College of Science and Technology, Nihon University
- 1979 Master of Engineering, Nihon University
- 1992 Established Imamura Masaki Architects
- 2000 Associate professor, Department of Architecture, College of Science and Technology, Nihon University

**●Principal Works**

Y-Detail; Yoku Moku cafe; Ohta Central Community Center; Spiral House

**●Awards**

- 1988 Annual Architectural Design Commendation of the Architectural Institute of Japan
- 1989 2nd Prize, Hita City Cultural facility Competition
- 1995 Third Prize, Yokohama International Port Terminal International Competition
- 1997 SD Review
- 1999 The Japan Institute of Architects Award
- 2000 Japan Federation of Architects & Building Engineers Associations Award

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