

# Reihoku Community Hall



## Architectural Outline

The facility consists of a hall with 207 seats (141 fixed seats and 66 movable seats) for communication purposes and a community center for the Shiki district. It is simple in organization; all superfluous elements have been eliminated. The hall is made up of the stage, which has been set at the same level as the seats so as to facilitate expansion, and the seats, which are set at an angle toward the back to provide a good view of the stage. The large doors at the rear of the seating area can be opened to make the hall spatially continuous with the community center. This enables the space to be used more efficiently and in more diverse ways. A glassed-in "volunteer bureau" is located between the large doors, symbolizing public participation in the administration of the facility. It is also conveniently close to information tools such as books and can function as a center of operations for community activities.



## Architectural Data

Name	Reihoku Community Hall
Location	444-1 Shiki, Reihoku-machi, Amakusa-gun
Main function	community hall
Developer	Reihoku Town
Architects	Atelier Hitoshi Abe and Yasuaki Onoda
General contractors	joint venture of Nakamura Construction and Kanematsu Construction
Site area	3,830.14 square meters
Building area	934.70 square meters
Total floor area	993.36 square meters
Extent	two aboveground floors
Structure	wooden construction; partly reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	May 2001 - March 2002
Total construction cost	443 million



**Hitoshi Abe**

- 1962 Born in Miyagi Prefecture  
1985 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Tohoku University  
1989 Completed master's course, Southern California Institute of Architecture  
1988- worked at Coop Himmelblau  
1992 Established Atelier Hitoshi Abe  
1993 Completed doctoral course at Tohoku University; D. Eng.  
1994-2002 Assistant professor, Tohoku Institute of Technology  
2002 Professor, Tohoku University

●Awards

- 1987 Tohoku Architectural Award for Design (Michinoku Folklore Museum); BCS Prize (Miyagi Stadium (in collaboration))  
1998 Yoshioka Award (Yomiuri Media Miyagi Guest House)  
2003 AIJ Award (Reihoku Community Hall)



**Yasuaki Onoda**

●Principal Works(Architecture Programming)

Sendai Mediatheque; Sendai Theater Factory 10 Box;  
Arai Public Housing

●Awards

- 1977 Encouragement Prize of AIJ 1996  
1989 Prize, 'Pneumatic Shrine' Design Competition  
2003 Prize of AIJ 2003 Architectural Design Division (Reihoku Community Hall)

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