

Uto Municipal Amitsu Elementary School



Building Profile

Amitsu Elementary School is located on the alluvial fan of the Amitsugawa River which flows into Shimabara Bay. It is in the attractive rural flatland facing the bay, surrounded by low mountains on three sides.

At the same time, Amitsu Elementary School is the centerpiece of the community's public facilities: a public field, a multipurpose training facility, the Amitsu branch of the Uto Municipal Office, and the Amitsu Nursery School.

By effectively utilizing the land, this elementary school was designed for children to learn freely in a rich environment.

The school was consciously built low and open with a boldly-designed thin and contiguous roof to harmonize with surrounding scenery.

If a residence is home for a family, an elementary school is the first home for children to relate with society. At the same time it is recognized as a community's home for adults. Imagine children learning under this expansive and contiguous roof, playing around the school building or on verandahs below eaves, teachers working together with children, and people communicating happily at the opening of school.



Architectural Data	
Name	Uto Municipal Amitsu Elementary School
Address	2082-3 Amitsu-machi, Uto City, Kumamoto Prefecture
Main Purpose	Elementary school (building)
Project implementing body	Uto City
Architects	Sakamoto Kazunari / Atelier And I
Builder	Architecture Kotake Gumi Co., Ltd.
	Electricity Shisei Electric Co., Ltd.
	Engineering Kumaden Shisetsu Co., Ltd.
Area	Premises area 13,700 m ²
	Architecture area 2,811 m ²
	Floor space area 2,967 m ²
Stories	two-story building
Structure	Reinforced concrete structure
Outside finishing	Roof: Super-quick hardening urethane waterproof top coating
	Outer wall: Exposed concrete finish, Acrylic silicon resin coating
Construction Period	November, 2009 ~ March 2011
Total construction cost	629,000,000 yen

Profile of architect



Sakamoto Kazunari	
1943	Born in Tokyo
1966	Graduated from the Department of Architecture and Building Engineering Tokyo Institute of Technology
1971	Completed Ph.D. program, Graduate School of Architecture, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Lecturer at Department of Architecture, College of Art and Design, Musashino Art University,
1977	Associate Professor at Musashino Art University, Department of Architecture
1983	Associate Professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology
1991	Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology
2009	Emeritus Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Currently	President of Kazunari Sakamoto Architectural Laboratory + Atelier And I
Main works	
Kumamoto Prefectural Takuma Housing, House F, Common City Hoshida, Tokyo Tech Front	
Main Prizes	
1990	The Japan Institute of Architects, Award of Design Division
1992	Murano Togo Award

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