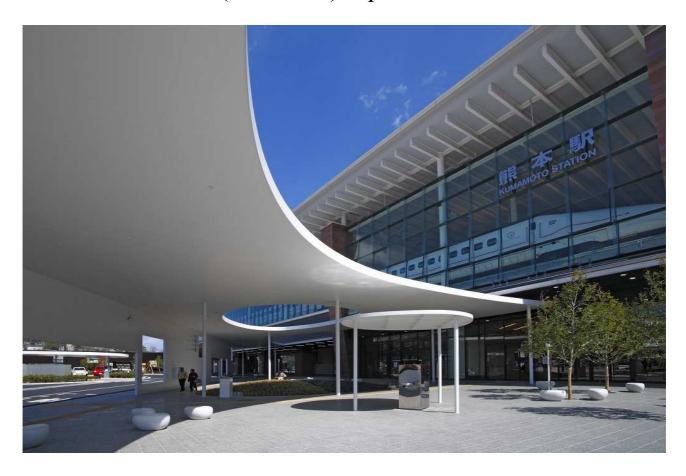
## Shinkansen Gate (West exit) Square of Kumamoto station

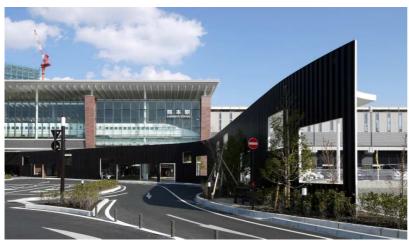


## **Building Profile**

The Shinkansen Gate (West Exit) Square of Kumamoto Station, situated as a center for people to gather, links both sides of the station to the west exit area where a new urban community is to be created.

Station Square resembles a semi-outdoor park partially screened by vertical walls whose apertures and rounded skylights provide a gallery-like transition between the station and the town. All the required functions of the station such as signs and shelters are put together on these artfully arranged partitions and canopies. The screen at the roadway side is designed to both evoke the long wall of Kumamoto Castle and to achieve sublime integration with the surrounding scenery.







Architectural Data	
Name	Shinkansen Gate (West exit) Square of Kumamoto Station
Address	3-Chome, Kasuga, Kumamoto city, Kumamoto Prefecture
Main Purpose	Public bus stop shelter
Project implementing body	Kumamoto City
Architects	Sato Mitsuhiko
Builder	Yutaka Housing Contracter Co., Ltd.
	Uemura Construction Limited Company
Area	Premisis 5,795.50 m <sup>2</sup>
	Architecture 1,282.24 m <sup>2</sup>
	Floor space 1,282.24 m <sup>2</sup>
Stories	one-story building
Structure	Steel structure
Outside finishing	Roof: anti rust coating steel plates + urethane coated waterproof
	and thermal insulation
	Outer wall
	(sidewalk side): Hot-dip galvanized steel plates + Zinc phosphate
	chemical film processing + 2 corrugated Polyurethane enameling
	(screen side): Hot-dip galvanized slab plate + Zinc phosphate
	chemical film processing + 2 corrugated Polyurethane enameling
Construction Period	March, 2010~February, 2011
Total construction cost	231,000,000 yen (architecture only)

## **Profile of architect**



Sato Mitsuhiko		
1962	Born in Kanagawa Prefecture	
1986	Graduated from Architecture department of Faculty of	
	Science and Engineering of Nihon University	
1986~	Worked fro Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects	
1993	Established Sato Mitsuhiko Architectual Design Office	
2004~	Assistant Professor, Nagoya City University, Graduate School	
	of Design and Architecture	
Currently	Professor, department of Architecture, Faculty of Science and	
	Engineering, Nihon University	
Main works		
Residence in K	Kamiuma, Residence in Umegaoka, Residence in Senkawa, +A	
VIABUS, Resi	idence of Hodogaya 2, Residence in Nishi-Tokorozawa,	
Residence in K	Koto, & Residence in Monzennaka-cho	
Main Prizes		
1995 & 96	Accepted for SD Review	
1997,	Residential Architecture Award of Tokyo Architects	
1999& 2000	Association	
2002	Good Design Award (Residence in Hodogaya 2)	
2003	New Face Award of The Japan Institute of Architects	
2006	Award for Excellence at Daimon Chu-dori Area Urban	
	Redevelopment Designer Competition	
2008	Accepted for Design Competition for the priest's quaters of	
	Choshinji temple	