

# Kikuchi Pocket Park



## Kumamoto Prefecture

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Yokomachi

Kiriake





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## ● Building Plan Outline

Downtown Kikuchi City is an area with a close scale in which old rows of houses are still seen. After World War II, it was a bustling hot spring tourist spot, and even today, water channels that run around the town and its hot springs are important resources for it. By creating several parks, network points have been made for pedestrians who walk through the city and invite new people to join in. The two parks are equipped with a hydrophilic function that uses hot springs and water channels, and have been set in such a way that they are enjoyed as places where visitors can meet to talk and stay for a while.

Kiriake Park is located at the entrance to the city. With the aim of creating lakes and ponds formed due to the natural collection of water in recessed land, three shallow basins have been created with water extracted from the water channel. Also, the arrangement of the public toilet and benches, which look like stones or rocks, were set up by placing steel sheets on top of the hardened white stone pavement so as to facilitate movement of people.

Since Yokomachi Park is in a residential area, it is intended to be an everyday park for citizens. With the aim of facilitating the flow of people and exchange of thoughts, piled "banks" of curved pipes serve as a footbath, public toilet, and benches. The banks act as guides for a person's movement and activity, and form a whirlpool-like design across the entire site. Also, small trees have been planted to leave an impression of greenery along with the pavement constructed with green-colored stones. Both parks have been planned in a manner to connect the experience of walking around town with that of walking around the parks.



## ● Construction Data (Kiriake)

Name	Kiriake Pocket Park
Address	495-1, Waifu, Kikuchi-shi, Kumamoto
Main usage	Park
Operating body	Kikuchi City
Designed by	Takao Shiotsuka Atelier
Constructed by	Shichijo Construction Co., Ltd.
Site area	273.59 m <sup>2</sup>
Construction area	14.10 m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area	24.36 m <sup>2</sup>
No. of floors	One floor above the ground
Structure	Steel-framed structure
Exterior finish	Steel zinc plating + Phosphoric acid processing
Duration of construction	November 2011 to March 2012
Total construction cost	32,000,000 yen



## ● Architect Profile



### Takao Shiotsuka

- 1965 Born in Fukuoka Prefecture
- 1988 Graduated from Oita University Engineering Department, Faculty of Construction Engineering
- 1990 Completed Master's Course from Oita University Graduate School
- 1994 Established the Takao Shiotsuka Atelier Architectural Firm
- 1999 Became the managing director of Takao Shiotsuka Atelier Corporation
- 2002 to 2011 Part-time lecturer at Oita University Engineering Department
- 2004 to 2008 Part-time lecturer at Kyushu University School of Design
- 2012 to present Visiting member professor at Oita University, Department of Architectural Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

## ● Main Works / Record of Awards

- 2001 Good Design Award, 2001 (Kunimi: Minnankan)
- 2002 JCD Design Award, 2002 Incentive award (Ono-machi Bus Terminal)
- 2004 Work selected by the Architectural Institute of Japan (Guest House in Irie)
- 2007 7th JIA Kumamoto Housing Award (Houses in Jokamachi)
- 2008 13th Kumamoto Artpolis Promotion Award (Houses in Jokamachi)
- 2009 DETAIL/PRIZE2009 (Germany) Grand Prize Finalist (SILENT HOUSE) JCD Design Award 2009 Silver Medal (PLATFORM01/02)
- 2012 Work selected by the Architectural Institute of Japan (SILENT HOUSE)
- 2012 Chosen for Excellence in Construction by the Japan Architects Association, 2011 (SILENT HOUSE)



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## ● Construction Data (Yokomachi)

Name	Yokomachi Pocket Park
Address	167-17, Waifu, Kikuchi-shi, Kumamoto
Main usage	Park
Operating body	Kikuchi City
Designed by	Takao Shiotsuka Atelier
Constructed by	Toyozumi Construction
Site area	265.85 m <sup>2</sup>
Construction area	15.28 m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area	24.67 m <sup>2</sup>
No. of floors	One floor above the ground
Structure	Steel-framed structure
Exterior finish	Steel zinc plating + Phosphoric acid processing
Duration of construction	November 2011 to March 2012
Total construction cost	31,000,000 yen

