

Kenchiku Juku Amakusa Arbor



Amakusa Arbor

Building Plan Outline

Amakusa Arbor, which was completed as the 88th Artpolis project, is a project created through the "Kenchiku Juku" system in which the commissioner, Mr. Ito, serves as the President and three advisors are Vice Presidents, and participants learn on the job while competing with each other. An "Arbor" is a shady resting place where plants and vines can grow. A plan for road surface maintenance and creation of a rest space was needed for the elongated site along the beach on Route324. The site includes various sightseeing spots, such as "Ripple Land" and "Tako (Octopus) Monuments" in Kotsuura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City. It is extremely difficult to add new structures and other items like a ficus wightiana forest to an area with existing sightseeing spots. Each pupil learned much during various steps of the process, from on-site monitoring, from working on and proposing different implementation designs many times over, and from opinion exchanges with various personnel of the Ariake Branch of Amakusa City, the Amakusa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Amakusa Association of Architects and Building Engineers(AAA), all of who helped to narrow down the final plan.

18 pupils including architects and students from inside and outside the prefecture, and 17 auditors participated in the Kenchiku Juku. In addition to the general meetings held at the sites, the prefectural office and a hall in Amakusa City, an exclusive home page for Amakusa Arbor was created to let the general public exchange their views in an environment that could be easily accessed, and efforts were made to share the opinions of President Ito and the vice presidents.

Amakusa Arbor creates an image of the shade of trees where one can rest while feeling the sea breeze, and has a structure in which the roof, made of cedar produced in Amakusa, is in the form of a lattice supported by a single RC pillar. It is an eye catching structure that gives off an abundant organic feel without being lost in the shadow of the adjoining ficus wightiana forest. The design of the road that connects together various monuments has a rhythmical circular pattern with "octopus tentacles" as the motif.

The number one outcome is the fact that the implementation plan and on-site monitoring required the guidance of various members of the AAA and the branch office. Up until the completion ceremony was held, the project was one of ideal collaboration. This is a project that could be referred to as the bridge between the new and old themes of "Create while learning and grow while creating" and "Open up to nature and interact with people" .







Architect Profile



Amakusa Arbor Kenchiku Juku

President: Toyo Ito

Vice Presidents: Hideaki Katsura + Kaori Suehiro + Masashi Sogabe Puplis: Hidea Ashizuka + Michiko Koyama + Kenichi Hashimoto + Daisuke Tsutsumida + Kouichirou Terada + Talki Miyazaki + Toshiaki Fukamizu + Hiroshi Nishida + Kouichirou Ide + Niida Hisashi + Taichi Ilkeda + Shinji Nakamura + Kentarou Kikuchi + Humichika Urakawa + Yuichi Nakayama + Nozomi Nishiura + Yuka Omori + Wasachi Hayashida Kumamoto Association of Architects & Building Engineers, Amakusa Parnoch

Performance report of Kenchiku Juku

July 07, 2012 Orientation (Amakusa-shi, Ariake Branch) July 08 1st Kenchiku Juku (Kumamoto Prefectural Office) 2nd Kenchiku Juku (Kumamoto Prefectural Office) August 19 September 16 3rd Kenchiku Juku (Amakusa Treasure Island International Exchange Hall Porto) September 26 Meeting 1 (Kumamoto University) Meeting 2 (Kumamoto University) October 12 November 02 Meeting 3 (Kumamoto University) November 09 Meeting 4 (Kumamoto University) November 22 Meeting 5 (Kumamoto University) January 23, 2013 1st Process Meeting (Amakusa-shi, Ariake Branch) February 13 2nd Process Meeting / Wood Inspection (Amakusa-shi, Ariake Branch / Amakusa-shi Saitsu-machi) February 25 3rd Process Meeting (Amakusa-shi,

Ariake Branch)

Completion Ceremony

September 23 Closing Ceremony (Amakusa-shi, Ariake Branch)

Framework Completion Ceremony

Construction Data

Name Amakusa Arbor (Ripple Land Park Arbor and surrounding area maintenance)

Address 1951-2 Minogoe, Kotsuura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa-shi

Main usage Arbor and park

Operating body Amakusa City

Designed by Amakusa Arbor Kenchiku Juku, Kumamoto Association of Architects and Building Engineers, Amakusa Branch

Constructed by Sumiyoshi Construction Co., Ltd., Shimada Kogyo Co., Ltd.

Site area 6.15 m² Construction area 20.71 m²

No. of floors One floor above the ground

Structure Reinforced concrete structure + Wooden structure

Exterior finish Fluororesin-coated steel sheets

Duration of construction January 2013 to March 2013 (Kenchiku Juku: July 2012 to September 2013)

Total construction cost 11,000,000 yen (including maintenance of surrounding area)





March 02

March 11







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