

# Kumamoto Prefecture Hotakubo Daiichi Public Housing Complex



## Architectural Outline

For an architect designing a public housing project, the problem is how to create a rich residential environment on a limited budget and with a limited floor area. In conventional projects, apartment blocks are arranged to face south in orderly rows at regular intervals. Here, however, all housing units are arranged around a central open space, which is intended to be a place of communication for members of all 110 households. In addition, each unit has a courtyard or a large terrace, allowing occupants easy access to an outdoor area. As a result, these units are unusually large for public housing



## Architectural Data

Name	Kumamoto Prefecture Hotakubo Daiichi Public Housing
Location	1-28 Obiyama, Kumamoto City
Main function	housing
Developer	Kumamoto Prefecture
Architects	Riken Yamamoto & Field Shop Co., Ltd.
General contractors	
Bldg. 1 (west bldg.)	Wakuda Construction.
Bldg. 2 (north bldg.)	Takahashi Construction.
Bldg. 3 (east bldg.)	Mitsuno Construction
assembly hall	Yasuda Construction
Site area	11,184 square meters
Building area	3,562 square meters
Total floor area	8,753 square meters
Extent	five aboveground floors
Structure	reinforced concrete construction (partly molded concrete-block bearing wall construction)
Construction period	March 1989 - August 1991; landscaping completed in November.
Total construction cost	1,350 million (includes assembly hall and landscaping)



**Riken Yamamoto**

- 1945 Born in Beijing
- 1968 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nihon University
- 1971 Completed master's course, Department of Architecture, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music; research student, Hara Laboratory, The Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo
- 1985 Established Riken Yamamoto & Field Shop
- 2002 Professor, Kogakuin University

●**Principal Works**

GAZEBO, Hotakubo Housing; Iwadeyama Junior High School; Saitama Prefectural University; Future University, Hakodate; Hiroshima Nishi Fire Station, etc.

●**Awards**

- 1988 Architectural Institute of Japan Award for Design
- 1998 Mainichi Art Award
- 2001 Japan Art Academy Award
- 2002 Architectural Institute of Japan Award for Design, etc.

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