

Kumamoto City Kami-Ezu Lakeside Public Restroom



Architectural Outline

The men's, women's and multipurpose toilets were accommodated in small separate structures and arranged inside a large curved wall. The floors of the toilets were made slightly higher than usual because the water level of the lake rises in times of heavy rain. The high windows, which all take similar forms though they are different in nature, produce a rhythmical skyline and are a direct expression of the introduction of daylight. They create well-lit, reassuring interiors.



Architectural Data

Name	Kumamoto City Kami-ezu Lakeside Public Restroom
Location	1-6 Kuwamizu-honmachi, Kumamoto City
Main function	public toilet
Developer	Kumamoto City
Architects	Hitaya Design Office (Akira Hida)
General contractors	Yoshiko Construction
Site area	435 square meters
Building area	46 square meters
Total floor area	46 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	January 1989 - May 1989
Total construction cost	23 million

Profile of architect



Akira Hida

- 1954 Born in Kumamoto Prefecture
- 1976 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University
- 1978 Completed graduate studies, Kumamoto University
- 1978 Entered Shoei Yoh + Architects
- 1986 Established Hitaya Design Office
- 1991 Incorporated Hitaya Design Office; president

●Principal Works

Tenyamachi PJ; WL Satellite Office; Rakushi Kaido; Sakata Clinic; Wada Clinic; Hideo Kawara Dental Clinic; Kikuchi House; Yano Clinic; etc.

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