

# Kumamoto Municipal Shinchi Public Housing Complex – Block E



## Architectural Outline

Three-story apartment buildings that contain six housing units units are adapted to the topography and connected to form rows on both sides of a pedestrian way. These curve around a large open space. A series of social groups are expected to develop, starting with households sharing the same stairway and extending to the street and eventually the housing project as a whole. The L-shaped plan gives the living room exposure on both sides. The individual building units are made small so as to blend in with houses in the nearby area. The buildings are articulated to make them seem smaller than they really are and bent in plan to create variety. The planted trees and the open space are attempts to recreate the natural landscape that once existed here.



## Architectural Data

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| Name                    | Kumamoto Municipal Housing Estate, Shinchi Public Housing Complex Block E                                      |
| Location                | 1953 Shimizu-machi-shinchi, Kumamoto City                                                                      |
| Main function           | housing                                                                                                        |
| Developer               | Kumamoto City                                                                                                  |
| Architects              | K. Ueda Architects & Associates (Kenjiro Ueda)                                                                 |
| General contractors     | joint venture of Katsumoto, Minami-Kyushu Construction, Shukai Kensetsu, Nagato Komuten, and Miyamoto Kensetsu |
| Site area               | 36,587 square meters                                                                                           |
| Building area           | 7,390 square meter                                                                                             |
| Total floor area        | 15,484 square meters                                                                                           |
| Extent                  | three aboveground floors                                                                                       |
| Structure               | reinforced concrete construction                                                                               |
| Construction period     | January 1993 - June 1995                                                                                       |
| Total construction cost | 3,255 million                                                                                                  |

## Profile of architect



### Kenjiro Ueda

1942 Born in Kumamoto City  
 1966 Graduated from Kumamoto University  
 1966~ Worked at W.M. Vories & Co., Architects  
 1969 Ichiryusha  
 1969~ Worked at Kisho Kurokawa, Architect &  
 1979 Associates

1980            Established K. Ueda, Architect &  
Associates Has been lecturer at Tokai and  
Kumamoto Universities

●Principal Works

Ueno residence; Ezu Bridge; Ohe Christian Museum;  
Dojindo Laboratories; Hiroyasu Children's Home;  
Maruoyaki Partner; Kumamoto City Water Supply  
Plant; Misumi West Port Improvement Project; etc.

●Awards

1987            Kumamoto Townscape Award (Misumi  
West Port)  
1991            Kumamoto Townscape Award (Misumi  
West Port)  
1997            Kumamoto Townscape Award (Misumi  
West Port)

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