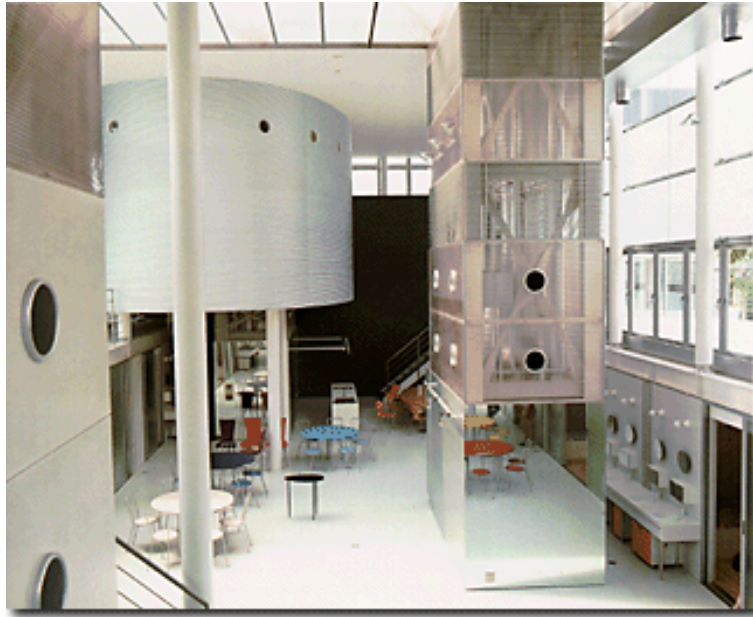


# Saishunkan Ladies Residence



## Architectural Outline

Two reinforced concrete dormitories measuring 45 m x 4.5 m with a capacity of 80 persons were arranged in parallel on the site, 40 centimeters below ground level. The nine-meter wide space sandwiched between these dormitories was made into the living space and the areas outside the dormitories were made into private terraces. The bathroom, guestroom, caretaker's room and terraces are arranged within the large space created on the second floor. The five towers that provide structural support for the large space accommodate toilets on the first floor and air-conditioning, ventilation, water supply and drainage systems in their upper portions.



## Architectural Data

Name	Saishunkan Ladies Residence
Location	4-323-1, 323-10 Obiyama, Kumamoto City
Main function	women's dormitory
Developer	Saishunkan Seiyaku Inc.
Architects	Kazuyo Sejima Architects & Associates
General contractors	Iwanaga-gumi
Site area	1,223 square meters
Building area	851 square meters
Total floor area	1,254 square meters
Extent	two aboveground floors
Structure	reinforced concrete construction and steel-frame construction
Construction period	1 November 1990 - July 1991
Total construction cost	550 million

## Profile of architect



### **Kazuyo Sejima**

- 1981 Graduated from Japan Women's University with Master Architecture Degree
- 1987 Established Kazuyo Sejima & Associates
- 1995 Established SANAA with Ryue Nishizawa
- 2001 Professor at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

### **●Principal Works**

- 1991 Saishunkan Seiyaku Women's Dormitory, Kumamoto, Japan
- 1994 Villa in the Forest, Nagano, Japan
- 1997 Multimedia Workshop, Kitakata, Japan\*, N-Museum, Wakayama, Japan\*

- 1999 O-Museum, Nagano, Japan\*
- 2000 Day-Care Center, Kanagawa, Japan\*,  
hhstyle.com, Tokyo, Japan, small house, Tokyo,  
Japan, PRADA Beauty Prototype\*
- 2002 Asahi Shimbun Yamagata Branch Office,  
Yamagata, Japan
- 2003 Professor at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 Professor at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

\*=collaboration with Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue  
Nishizawa/ SANAA

●Awards

- 1992 Young Architect of the Year, Japan Institute of  
Architects for Saishunkan Seiyaku Women's  
Dormitory, Japan
- 1995 Kenneth F. Brown Asia Pacific Culture and  
Architecture Design Award, University of Hawaii  
for Saishunkan Seiyaku Women's Dormitory,  
Hawaii, USA
- 1998 The Prize of Architectural Institute of Japan for  
Multi-media Workshop, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 Erich Schelling Architekturpreis, Karlsruhe,  
Germany
- 2002 Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize in  
Architecture, American Academy of Arts &  
Letters, N.Y., USA, Architecture Award of  
Salzburg Vincenzo Scamozzi, Salzburg, Austria

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