

# Shiranuhi Culture Plaza



## Architectural Outline

The elevation is intended to express the wonderful retinal image that is projected by the strange name Shiranuhi. The art museum and library inside are conceived as open flexible spaces that permit great freedom of activity. The plaza in front is intended to be a place where people visit, relax and sense the long history of Shiranuhi. The site is in the town's administrative district, where many public facilities such as the town hall and the welfare center are located. The construction of a tree-lined road passing through the center of the administrative district from the west side of the prefectural road has provided safe access to various facilities and endowed the entire district with a new order. The hill of camphor trees on the east side of the site protects the site from the noise of the JR Kagoshima Main Line. It also serves as a landmark in the relatively flat administrative district.



## Architectural Data

Name	Shiranuhi Culture Plaza
Location	2352 Koryo Tokatsu, Shiranuhi-machi, Uto-gun
Main function	art museum, library
Developer	Shiranuhi Town
Architects	Atsushi Kitagawara Architects, Inc. and Ito Architects and Associates
General contractors	Kyushu Office, Nishimatsu Kensetsu
Site area	11,575.01 square meters
Building area	2,133.10 square meters
Total floor area	1,793.18 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floors
Structure	steel-frame construction
Construction period	February 1998 - April 1999
Total construction cost	1,113 million

## Profile of architect



### Atsushi Kitagawara

- 1951 Born in Nagano Prefecture
- 1974 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Fine Arts; Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
- 1977 Master's degree from Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
- 1982 Established Atsushi Kitagawara Architects
- 2001 Associate Professor, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music

●Principal Works

Metroca (1989); ARIA (1992); Senden Kaigi headquarters Building (1997); Big Palette Fukushima; Minatoku Hakone Public Rest House (1998); Hosho Gakuen High School (1999); ONE OF A KIND; Gifu Academy of Forest Science and Culture (2000); Japan PEN Club (2001) etc.

●Awards

- 1989 Japan Institute of Architects 'Young Architect of the Year' Award
- 1995 Good Design Gold Prize; Architectural Institute of Japan Commendation for Design
- 2000 Bessie Award
- 2000 Architectural Institute of Japan Award for Design
- 2002 Architectural Institute of Japan Award for Technology; BCS Award; Eco-Build Award; Canada Green Design Award

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