

Tomioka Park Public Restroom



Architectural Outline

The site is inside a national park in the northwestern part of the Amakusa region. The narrow peninsula has a rich natural environment with many flowering plants. In designing this public toilet, my objective was to create a comfortable space that feels open and through which the breeze blows. The building has an extremely simple structure that suggests the balancing toy called "yajirobei": a T-shaped reinforced concrete wall in the middle supports the large cedar roof. The building is open to the outside, providing only the minimum visual privacy. This assures ease of circulation by users. This will doubtless serve as more than a toilet; it will become a place where visitors to the cape can enjoy the sight of the natural greenery of the park.



Architectural Data

Name	Tomioka Park Public Restroom
Location	Shikizaki Misaki, Reihoku-machi, Amakusa-gun
Main function	public toilet
Developer	Kumamoto Prefecture
Architects	Kenshi Matsumoto and A · I · R
General contractors	Futagawa Kensetsu
Site area	47,470 square meters
Building area	65.22 square meters
Total floor area	34.98 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete construction and wooden construction
Construction period	January 1999 - April 1999
Total construction cost	25 million

Profile of architect



Kenshi Matsumoto

1977 Born in Kumamoto Prefecture

1999 Graduated from Department of Architecture,
Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University;
entered Watanabe Architect Office

A · I · R(Chitose Morita, president)

●Principal Works

Morinosato Clinic; Kojima Clinic; Kojima House, etc.

●Awards

1999 Kumamoto Prefecture Award, Large Facility
Using Wood Materials Concours; First Prize,
Itsuki Village Office Building Competition

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