

# Aso Police Station Uchinomaki Police Box



## Architectural Outline

This koban consists of an office, an entrance porch and a meeting room arranged in a straight line in plan with light wells situated at both ends. The walls and the floor, both inside and outside, have been covered with randomly laid white brick tiles. A white tile was selected, not because it projects a bright image, but because it can become soiled in various ways and because countless black joints, which resemble hastily scribbled writing, proliferate over surfaces. It is hoped that over time these surfaces will become expressions of sincerity and continue to cover the interior and exterior spaces of this koban.



## Architectural Data

Name	Aso Police Station Uchinomaki Police Box
Location	1071-10 Uchinomaki, Aso-machi, Aso-gun
Main function	koban
Developer	Kumamoto Prefectural Police Headquarters
Architects	Hiroshi Nakao and Iwasa Sekkei
General contractors	Watanabe Kensetsu
Site area	615.92 square meters
Building area	154.35 square meters
Total floor area	111.00 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete wall construction
Construction period	October 1999 - March 2000
Total construction cost	47 million

## Profile of architect



### Hiroshi Nakao

- 1961 Born in Hyogo Prefecture
- 1985 Graduated from Department of Residential and Environmental Design, Kyoto Institute of Technology
- 1986-88 Master's course, Tsukuba University
- 1989 Began design activity

### ●Principal Works

Weekend house; house/Studio; etc.

●Awards

- 1992 Prize, Kumamoto Artpolis Design Competition; Yoshioka Award
- 1996 Prize, Kumamoto Artpolis Aso-machi Noson Park Art Project Competition



Iwasa Sekkei(Toshinori Iwasa, president)

●Principal Works

Kumamoto Technical High school Seminar House, etc.

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