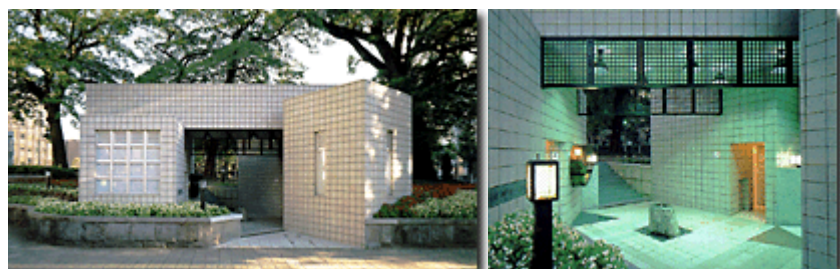


# Kumamoto City Hanabata Park Public Restroom



## Architectural Outline

The site is in a park that is approximately 1.5 meters higher than the streets that surround it on three sides. The floor level of the toilets was lowered to the same level as the street, and the men's, women's and multipurpose toilets were accommodated in separate structures arranged around a courtyard to provide access from both the street and the park. The courtyard is a buffer zone between the entrances to the toilets and the street. The building is designed as a masonry object with a geometrical composition. The materiality of the building is in keeping with the setting: a park on a historic site. The form is meant to create continuity with surrounding buildings.



## Architectural Data

Name	Kumamoto City Hanabata Park Public Restroom
Location	6 Hanabata-cho, Kumamoto City
Main function	public toilet
Developer	Kumamoto City
Architects	Toyokazu Otsuka
General contractors	Daiko Kensetsu
Site area	2,619 square meters
Building area	51 square meters
Total floor area	43 square meters
Extent	one aboveground floor
Structure	reinforced concrete construction
Construction period	May 1989 - October 1989
Total construction cost	28 million

## Profile of architect



### Toyokazu Otsuka

- 1950 Born in Kumamoto Prefecture
- 1974 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University
- 1974~76 Koyama Laboratory, Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, University of Tokyo
- 1976~79 Worked at Taneo Oki + Sekkei Rengo
- 1980~81 Assistant, Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Hosei University

1982      Established Toyokazu Otsuka, Architect and  
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●Principal Works

Ai-no-Amakusa-mura; Cuddly Dominion; Kameba  
Kindergarten, Hondo City; Fuji Kaikan Main Store;  
Sakura Nursery School; On-yado Ogasawara

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