

Kumamoto Prefecture Obiyama Public Housing Complex A



Architectural Outline

Three apartment buildings with a total of 52 housing units have been arranged around a courtyard. Each building has a complex volume resulting from ten different unit types. A midlevel plaza allows residents to interact in diverse ways. Bridges connect the plaza to other buildings and increase the level of activity there. Arched sun-shades on the roof create visual continuity with the adjacent Hotakubo Daiichi Public Housing Complex.



Architectural Data

Name	Obiyama Public Housing Complex A
Location	1-23 Obiyama, Kumamoto City
Main function	housing
Developer	Kumamoto Prefecture
Architects	Shimon Niino
General contractors	Nakamitsu-gumi and Kimura Kensets
Site area	4,888 square meters
Building area	1,304 square meters
Total floor area	3,877 square meters
Extent	five aboveground floors
Structure	reinforced concrete construction; partly steel frame construction
Construction period	March 1991 - March 1992
Total construction cost	635 million

Profile of architect



Shimon Niino

- 1961 Born in Kumamoto City
- 1986 Completed master's course, Tama Art University; entered Riken Yamamoto & Field Shop
- 1989 Established Shimon Niino Architects

●Principal Works

Kumamoto Store, Asakusa Toys; House in Hanazono-machi; Studio in Nishihara

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