

Yunomae Cartoon Museum and Community Center



Architectural Outline

Yunomae Cartoon Museum and Community Center is a combination of an art museum dedicated to the late Ryosuke Nasu, a political cartoonist who came from this town, and a community center for social education. A corridor will eventually integrate the facility functionally with the adjacent Farming Village Environment Improvement Center. Surrounded by Ichifusayama Park, the site is in a beautiful natural environment. It is located in the center of the town near a terminus of the semi-public Yunomae Line. The five independent buildings relate to each other as fish in a shoal do. They are linked by function and by covered walkways. Local wood materials and skills were used. The aim was to create a new type of wooden architecture. Cantilevers were used in the structural systems of the main spaces.



Architectural Data

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| Name | Yunomae Cartoon Museum and Community Center |
| Location | 1834-1 Kamimakihara, Yunomae-machi, Kuma-gun |
| Main function | art museum and community center |
| Developer | Yunomae Town |
| Architects | Hideaki Katsura and A · I · R |
| General contractors | joint venture of Imamura Construction and Kuwahara Construction |
| Site area | 9,023 square meters |
| Building area | 840 square meters |
| Total floor area | 858 square meters |
| Extent | two aboveground floors |
| Structure | wooden construction |
| Construction period | August 1991 - November 1992 |
| Total construction cost | 330 million |



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●**Principal Works**

MOKKONKAN; KITAZATO BARAN; ARASE DAM
BOATHOUSE; SAKURAO MOUNTAIN VILLA +
JOKIGEN PUBLIC BATH; KUNUGI NO MORI ART
MUSEUM; FOREST ATELIER; TOMOCHI BBQ
HOUSE; SAKAMOTO EXCHANGE CENTER;
SAKURANO SATO-SPECIAL NURSING HOME FOR
THE AGED

●**Awards**

Kumamoto Nichinichi Shimbun Culture Award; SD
Review Asakura Award; Kumamoto Artpolis
Advancement Award; Kumamoto Prefecture Townscape
Award; Kumamoto Design Award; Chairman's Award,
Council to Promote the Use of Wood Materials; etc.
Many competitions awards

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