

Ichinomiya Quaint Country Market



Located in Ichinomiya-machi, Aso Shrine dedicates to the gods of originators of Aso and it tells the eternal history.

This facility, which is a shop as well as a processing factory of local products, was built as if it blends in the surrounding scenery. Thin and straight-line roof is designed to emphasize horizontal landscape of mountains.

High sidelights put on the roof pour soft light into inside and create space full of pleasant coolness.

This is a comfortable place of production and distribution for people who co-exist with the nature.

From here, the blessings of Aso are provided to dining tables nationwide.

Architectural Outline

This building was built to blend in a park-like premise full of blessings from the nature of Aso as if it is a forest which rims the site where Mt. Aso and soma can be viewed.

Based on the concept acquired at workshops, it was designed to have a processing factory for “Aso Monogatari Brand” products, a shop for these freshly-made products, other local products such as vegetables and rice, as well as collateral facilities such as restrooms on this premises and all of which are designed to face Mt. Aso. A cultural facility and a park which has made good use of springhead, have been discussed and fostered with residents will be added in the future.

Following the hybrid construction method with the same steel and wood as the processing factory, the restaurant and shop area has a kitchen with curved wall in the center and the panorama of Aso can be viewed through the south side windows, which makes visitors remember whole area along with its free and open atmosphere. The contrasts among soft light from the high window, white walls, red kitchen which images a tomato, a special product of Aso, and sophisticated ceilings with cedar

squared timbers will provide bright and flourishing atmosphere. The processing factory framed by white fence, the restroom with three paralleled ferroconcrete walls and floating roof, and the shop with open glass façade are longitudinally lined up. And the stretched white roofs of these constructions and the graduation of light and shade are to focus on the seasonal varieties of mountains of Aso.

Architectural Data



Name	Ichinomiya Quaint Country Market
Location	538-1 Miyaji, Ichinomiya-machi, Aso City
Main function	Local products shop & restaurant
Developer	Ichinomiya-machi (presently Aso City)
Architects	Noriaki Okabe

Produce stand “Shikisai Ichinomiya”	
Main function	Local products shop, restaurant & public restroom
General constructor	
Building	Yamauchi Construction & Sato Construction
Facilities	Kyudenko
Outdoor facility	Kumareki Industry
Planting	Aso Gardening
Site area	6,654.00 m ²
Building area	499.02 m ²

Total floor area	377.30 m ² (Product stand: 299.60m ² Public toilet: 77.70m ²)
Extent	One aboveground floor
Structure	Steel structure, partly wooden structure
Outside finishing	
Roof	Color Galvalume steel plate
Outer wall	Acrylic resin plaster combing-pattern finishing
Construction period	November, 2003 ~ March, 2004
Total construction cost	198 million yen



Processing factory “Kobo Aso Monogatari	
Main function	Processing factory
General constructor	
Building	Yamauchi Construction
Facilities	Daikyo Kumamoto Branch
Site area	3,489.93 m ²
Building area	399.00 m ²
Total floor area	299.60 m ²
Extent	One aboveground floor
Structure	Steel structure, partly wooden structure
Outside	

finishing	
Roof	Color Galvalume steel plate
Outer wall	Acrylic resin plaster combing-pattern finishing
Construction period	November, 2002 ~ March, 2003
Total construction cost	112 million yen

Profile of architect



Noriaki Okabe

- 1947 Born in Shizuoka Prefecture
- 1974 Engaged in designing & supervising of Centre Pompidou, IRCAM
- 1981~1989 Chief architect of RPBW in Paris
- 1988~1994 Representative of RPBWJ engaged in designing & supervising of Kansai International Airport Terminal Building
- 1994 Established & presides Noriaki Okabe Architecture Network
- 1996 ~ Professor, Kobe Design University

●Principal Works

Kansai International Airport Terminal Building, Ushibuka Haiya Bridge, Valeo Unisia Transmissions Atugi (factory), Housing in Sakura-shinmachi,

●Awards

- 1988 Won first prize in Kansai International Airport Terminal Building International Competition
- 1995 AIJ Award (Kansai International Airport Terminal Building)
- 2001 Civil Engineering Design Grand Prize (Ushibuka Haiya Bridge)
- 2002 BCS Award (Valeo Unisia Transmissions Atugi Factory)

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