

# Seiwa Local Dishes Restaurant



## Architectural Outline

This restaurant is the third facility of Seiwa Bunraku Mura, next to Bunraku-kan (Bunraku puppet theater) and local-products center. Maximum number of seats available is 136 (includes 104 seats in the main dining, 16 seats in each 2 separate rooms.) It is connected to the local-products center with corridor. It was designed to be able to have Takigi Bunraku (puppet show with light supplied by bonfire) as a dinner-show inside in rainy weather. This is a wooden building with 88 locally-grown timbers. And its structure resembles to joints structure of bunraku puppet called pantograph method. Canopy made of Teflon which has high translucency is used for roof. Inside the building is a relaxing space with cedar timbers and soft light coming through the canopy. Outside walls are covered with transparent glass in order to have the view of surrounding nature. Light coming out from the inside creates soft and gentle atmosphere at night, which features this building.



## Architectural Data

Name	Seiwa Local Dishes Restaurant
Location	153 Ohira-aza Haraguchi, Yamato-cho,
Main function	Restaurant
Developer	Seiwa-mura(presently Yamato-cho
Architects	Kazuhiro Ishii Architecture Office
General constructor	
Building	Koshin Construction
Electricity	Seibu Kogyo
Plumbing work・ air-conditioning	Ueda Shokai
Sanitation	Daiki Kumamoto Office
Site area	6,628.13 m <sup>2</sup>
Building area	537.61 m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area	436.95 m <sup>2</sup>
Extent	One aboveground floor
Structure	Wooden structure
Outside finishing	
Roof	Polytetrafluoroethylene coating glass fiber cloth
Outer wall	Transparent glass (film attached in kitchen area), partly steel panel
Construction period	October, 2003 ~ March, 2004
Total construction cost	150 million yen

## Profile of architect



### Kazuhiro Ishii

- 1944 Born in Tokyo
- 1967 Graduated from University of Tokyo
- 1975 Completed doctoral course of University of Tokyo  
Completed master's course of Architecture Department of Yale University
- 1976 Established Kazuhiro Ishii Architecture Office (Limited company)
- 1978 Established Kazuhiro Ishii Architecture Office Co., Ltd.

Lecturer at UCLA、Nihon University,  
Yale University, Osaka University,  
Waseda University, University of Tokyo

●Principal Works

Naoshima School Zone, 54 windows, Sukiyamura, Naoshima  
town Office, Kitakyushu International Village Center,  
Kunitachi Kyodo Bunka Kan, Okayama Prefectural Yacht  
Club House, Miyagi Prefectural Hasekura Tsunenaga San Juan  
Bautista Museum, Hisamatsu PAO、Hitachi Ota General  
Welfare Hall CO2、Akasaka Sandogasa

●Awards

1990 JCA Award(Sukiyamura)  
1992 Wooden Facility Promotion Forestry Agency  
Director-General Award (Seiwa Bunraku Hall)  
1998 Public Architectural (Seiwa Bunraku Hall)  
2002 Climate Change Actions Ministry Prize FY2002  
(Hitachi Ota General Welfare Hall CO2)

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