

Shinkansen Gate (West exit) Square of Kumamoto station



Building Profile

The Shinkansen Gate (West Exit) Square of Kumamoto Station, situated as a center for people to gather, links both sides of the station to the west exit area where a new urban community is to be created.

Station Square resembles a semi-outdoor park partially screened by vertical walls whose apertures and rounded skylights provide a gallery-like transition between the station and the town. All the required functions of the station such as signs and shelters are put together on these artfully arranged partitions and canopies. The screen at the roadway side is designed to both evoke the long wall of Kumamoto Castle and to achieve sublime integration with the surrounding scenery.





Architectural Data	
Name	Shinkansen Gate (West exit) Square of Kumamoto Station
Address	3-Chome, Kasuga, Kumamoto city, Kumamoto Prefecture
Main Purpose	Public bus stop shelter
Project implementing body	Kumamoto City
Architects	Sato Mitsuhiko
Builder	Yutaka Housing Contractor Co., Ltd. Uemura Construction Limited Company
Area	Premisis 5,795.50 m ²
	Architecture 1,282.24 m ²
	Floor space 1,282.24 m ²
Stories	one-story building
Structure	Steel structure
Outside finishing	Roof: anti rust coating steel plates + urethane coated waterproof and thermal insulation Outer wall (sidewalk side): Hot-dip galvanized steel plates + Zinc phosphate chemical film processing + 2 corrugated Polyurethane enameling (screen side): Hot-dip galvanized slab plate + Zinc phosphate chemical film processing + 2 corrugated Polyurethane enameling
Construction Period	March, 2010~February, 2011
Total construction cost	231,000,000 yen (architecture only)

Profile of architect



Sato Mitsuhiro	
1962	Born in Kanagawa Prefecture
1986	Graduated from Architecture department of Faculty of Science and Engineering of Nihon University
1986~	Worked for Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects
1993	Established Sato Mitsuhiro Architectural Design Office
2004~	Assistant Professor, Nagoya City University, Graduate School of Design and Architecture
Currently	Professor, department of Architecture, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Nihon University
Main works	
Residence in Kamiyama, Residence in Umegaoka, Residence in Senkawa, +A VIABUS, Residence of Hodogaya 2, Residence in Nishi-Tokorozawa, Residence in Koto, & Residence in Monzennaka-cho	
Main Prizes	
1995 & 96	Accepted for SD Review
1997, 1999 & 2000	Residential Architecture Award of Tokyo Architects Association
2002	Good Design Award (Residence in Hodogaya 2)
2003	New Face Award of The Japan Institute of Architects
2006	Award for Excellence at Daimon Chu-dori Area Urban Redevelopment Designer Competition
2008	Accepted for Design Competition for the priest's quarters of Choshinji temple