

Project: Inokashira Connected Residence

Team: Moriyoshi Naotake Atelier

Size: 271 m²

Location: Mitaka, JAPAN



Feature:

Project - Nestled within the dense urban fabric of Tokyo's Mitaka City, the ingeniously designed collective housing project "Creating Comfort by Connecting Tenements" overcomes common challenges faced by apartment living through an innovative configuration prioritizing privacy, community, greenspace, and spatial openness. Segregating the three dwelling units into separate volumes and introducing dedicated garden terraces between each structure fosters privacy while a shared rear second-story terrace and strategically aligned windows enable oblique community connections. The rich interplay of partitioned open spaces similarly forges an intimate yet porous relationship between interior private spheres and the neighborhood beyond. Materiality further enhances the psychologically expansive nature of the dwellings. Airy metal mesh clads the exterior rear façade, forming a semi-permeable screen between interior and exterior realms while framing outward views towards enveloping greenery.

Environmentally conscious solutions carry over into structural engineering and finishes. The integration of wood within the predominantly reinforced concrete build not only reduces the project's carbon footprint but brings visual warmth to the interiors. By reconceiving compact urban housing conditions as an opportunity to weave intimacies, community, nature, and visual connectedness through conscious design interventions, "Creating Comfort by Connecting Tenements" offers an ingenious model for contemporizing and humanizing higher-density dwelling.

Design Team - Moriyoshi Naotake Atelier was founded by the Japanese architect Naotake Moriyoshi (born in 1967) in 2001. Based in Tokyo, Japan, the studio specializes in minimalist modern design with a focus on sustainability, consistently receiving accolades for residential

and architectural designs. The architectural design studio gathers passionate professionals committed to creating comfortable and elegant living spaces through the use of wood, light, and natural elements. Their design philosophy intertwines closely with sustainability and local culture, aiming to inherit and inspire contemporary aesthetics in daily life.