

**Project:** Daita House

**Design Team:** AISAKA ARCHITECTS' ATELIER

**Size:** 155 m<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** Tokyo, JAPAN



**Feature:**

**Project** - Squeezed between road and retaining wall, this narrow Tokyo infill house maximizes light and space. So-Saka Architects devised a strategy of layered exterior zones, drawing in reflected sunlight. The "light court" at the rear bounces daylight deep inside, while a courtyard, roof deck and borrowed scenery expand visual breadth.

Oriented for a family of three, floors are divided into semi-private realms. The father's bedroom opens to a study and garage, the mother's links kitchen to bath, and the child's rests in the bright top floor. Yet zones interlock, promoting fluid family interaction.

Exterior forms and plants shield privacy from neighbors' eyes above. An angled roof bounces sunlight into the light court, evergreen shrubs filter the living room, and a tunnel roof tops the roof deck. With constrained dimensions, So-Saka Architects crafted a rich spatial sequence balancing openness and intimacy.

**Design Team** - Led by Kensuke Aisaka, Aisaka Architects' Atelier crafts elegant designs that empower clients. After graduating from the University of Tokyo and honing his skills under Tadao Ando, Aisaka founded his Tokyo firm in 2003. Balancing simplicity and creativity, his residential and educational projects prioritize natural light and community connections. The Kids Design Award-winning Higashikatsushika Nursery School embodies Aisaka's sensitivity to human scale and tactile details. Continually exploring new forms, his experimental Yaiden House layers exterior zones for an intimate, light-filled home. Attuned to user wellbeing, Aisaka Architects' Atelier envisions architecture as a stage for meaningful experiences.