

Project: Hashimotogumi Corporation Office

Design Team: TYPE A/B

Size: 3064 m²

Location: Yakizu City, JAPAN



Feature:

Project - The office building in Shizuoka prefecture represents a new paradigm in corporate architecture. Designed collaboratively by the construction company's own employees, the building promotes communication and flexibility. During the design process, workshops gathered input from all staff to create a comfortable environment for diverse workers, including women. Surveys also collected ideas to connect the building to the local community. The open first floor invites locals in as a social hub, strengthening bonds between company and neighborhood. Inside, a free address system and informal lounge areas spur spontaneous meetings between departments. A kids' room enables parents to bring children to the office.

From bolt tightening to furniture assembly, workers were empowered to participate in construction. This inclusive process instilled a sense of pride and ownership in the new headquarters. It demonstrates how office design can foster corporate culture, support work-life balance, and build community connections.

Design Team - Blending medicine and theater, Type A/B diagnoses urban issues and prescribes creative solutions. Just as an integrative doctor treats the body holistically, this Nagoya firm takes a comprehensive approach to urban design. Civic spaces become the stage for "performances" that nurture community identity.

Since 1994, Type A/B has reimagined public architecture as an interactive experience. Projects like the Nagoya City Hall Lobby capture founder Takanori Ito's passion for fusing engineering and art. The firm sees urban design as a living process, collaborating with residents to reveal a neighborhood's hidden strengths. With analytical yet playful

interventions, Type A/B's human-centered methodology nurtures the vitality of each unique "urban organism."