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The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) is Japan’s only professional organization of architects. Its principal role is to define and promote the social and legal status of professional architects in Japan. The JIA represents the Japan Section of the International Union of Architects (UIA) as a full member and has been a member of the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) since 1991.

Date of Establishment	May 11 th 1987
Name of the President	MATSUYAMA Masakatsu
Number of the members	4,900

Major activities in 2026

1/ April, Attendance at ASA National Convention in Bangkok
2/ June, Attendance at AIA Conference on Architecture 2026 in San Diego
3/ June, Attendance at UIA World Congress of Architects 2026 Barcelona
4/ September, Attendance at ARCASIA Forum 23 in India
5/ October, Attendance at the KIA Architecture Festival 2026

OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES

1/ JIA Grand Prix & JIA Award

These awards were established to promote the creative activity of Japanese architects and to widely publicize their projects and achievements to society. The architects of up to 100 pieces of architecture are selected by the JIA for the yearbook, “Japan Architecture of the Year selected by the JIA” , of which the finalists for the two major awards, the JIA Grand Prix and the JIA Award, are shortlisted. The JIA Award is given to several winners, and the JIA Grand Prix to only one winner.

JIA Grand Prix 2025

Kasumigaura Lake Community Place

by TAKAHASHI Ippei (TAKAHASHI IPPEI OFFICE)

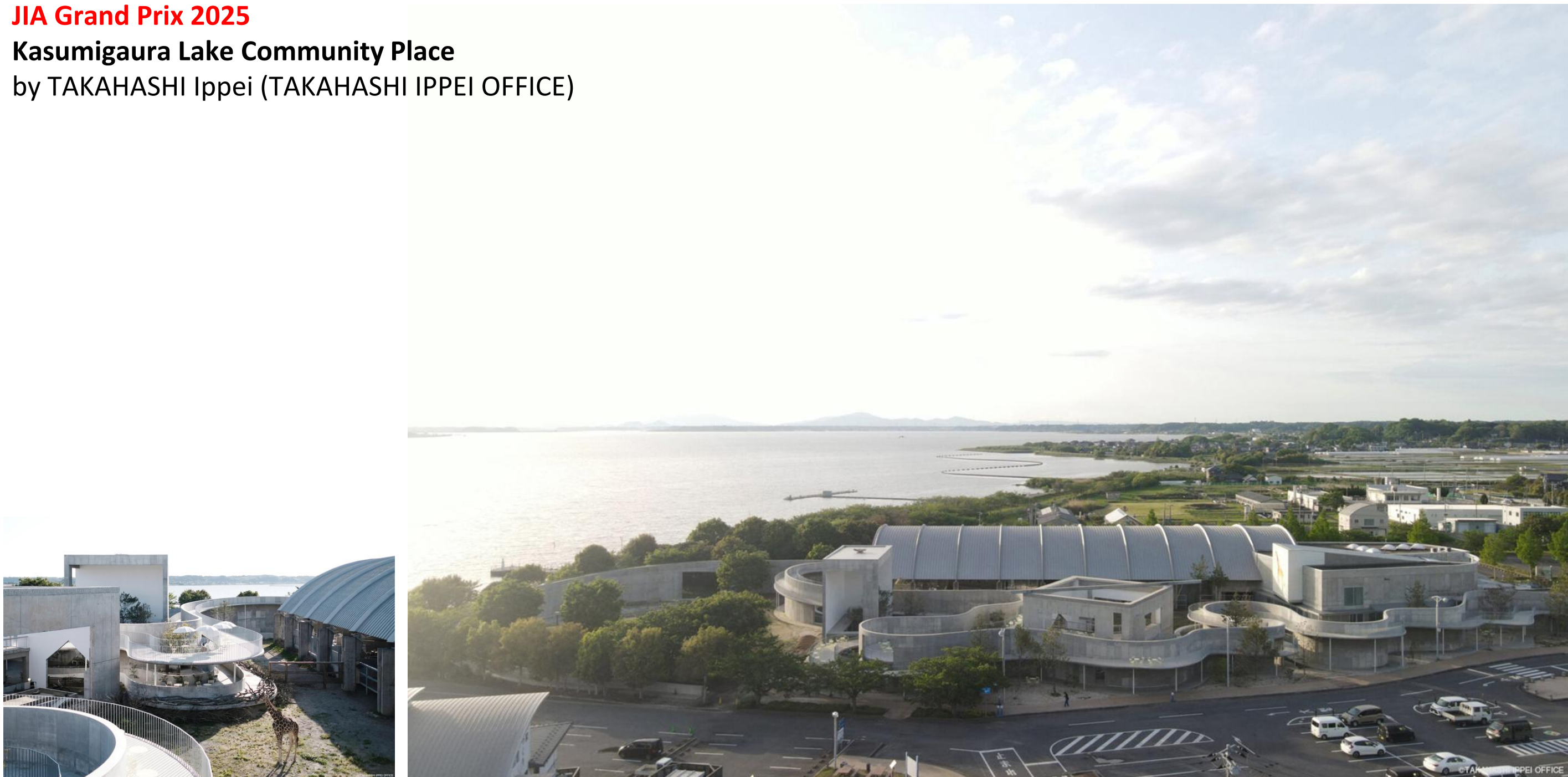


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JIA Award 2025

Renovation of the Office and Hall of All Japan Seamen’s Union

by NOZAWA Masamitsu, ISHIGURO Kenta and SHIRAIWA Tohru (Masamitsu Nozawa Building Workshop)

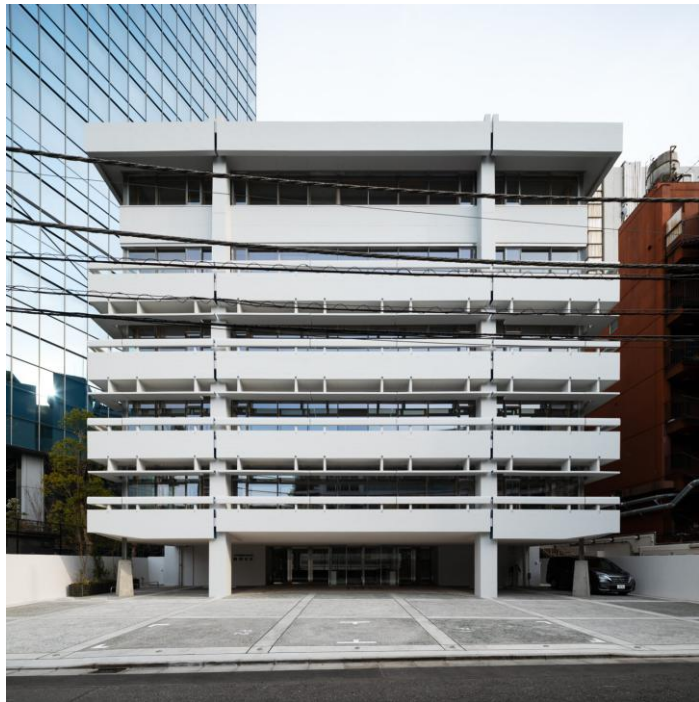


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Dankyo

By MITARAI Ryu (Ryu Mitarai & Associates, Architects)



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Tsunami Evacuation Complex: Terrasse Orange Toi

by IMAI Kotaro (IIS, UTokyo); KUNIEDA Kan (Nippon Koei Urban Space); NAGATA Hidemasa (Nagata Structural Engineers)



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2/ JIA Young Architect Award

With a 30-year history, the JIA Young Architect Award was carried over from the former organization (JAA). The purpose is to honor new and gifted architects whose great efforts and imagination produces amazing designs which are practical and carefully planned, taking into consideration the characteristics of the landscape.

JIA Young Architect Award 2025

Father and Son’s House

by UNEMORI Hiroyuki (UNEMORI ARCHITECTS)



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Step Garden House

by HARADA Masafumi and TANIGUCHI Maiko (Niji Architects)



Photo By Kazuhisa Ishikawa

3/ JIA Twenty-five Year Award

This award is not for recently completed building but for one which has stood the test of time. It is intended to honor those who created the beautiful architecture and presents a way of connecting to the next generation. Designers, owners of structures or projects, as well as the architects all should be honored.

4/ JIA Sustainable Architecture Award

This award is given to the winner that has satisfied a set of criteria including the implementation of the ideas expressed in the “Architectural Charter for a Global Environment,” enacted by five architecture-related organizations of which JIA is one, and whether the architect is successful in creating valuable social capital incorporating various themes such as longevity, symbiosis with nature, energy conservation, resource conservation and recycling, and transferability of heritage.

JIA Environment Grand Prix

Ibaraki City Cultural and Child-rearing Support Complex Onikuru

by ITO Toyo, HIGASHI Tateo, KOBAYASHI Toyohiko, MIZUNUMA Yasuaki, TARUTANI Atsushi, YABUKI Mitsuyo, CHOSOKABE Ryo, TAKAGAKI Maika, KANZAKI Natsuko and ABE Lisa (Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects); KUNIMOTO Akihiko, TAKAHASHI Tatsuo, ICHIKAWA Masaya, SUGIYAMA Takahiro, KITAMURA Hitoshi, SON Seiyou, YAMAZAKI Syougo and SUZUKI Youto (TAKENAKA CORPORATION)



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