

Kanagawa Institute of Technology KAIT workshop

《KAIT workshop》 was built as part of the Kanagawa Institute of Technology campus redevelopment. This is a facility for students to come in whenever they like, to work on their own creative projects. As the facility would have such a public nature and function, I wanted it to be the kind of place where people could come and feel like they were strolling through the woods with sunlight filtering through the trees.

What the client needed was not the capacity for one enormous project to take up an entire open space, but for various activities of varying scales to go on, in different kinds of spaces, in different areas of the building. While flexibility was required, individual spaces did not need to be extraordinarily large. Then since the respective spaces would necessarily be specialized to some extent, I did not expect to have to change sections of the plan very differently according to respective purposes and uses. Rather, to enable the users to alter the spaces in response to different needs relatively quickly and with freedom, it seemed to make more sense to pursue flexibility in the relations between adjoining places, the sizes of the respective domains, and in the way different spaces are connected with each other. This view led to the thinking that some soft, ambiguous kind of borders could be fashioned by erecting columns, in what appears to be a completely random fashion (in a way that gives no hint that any rules or plan for their placement exist) . There is a plan, and no defined borders, for the spaces I had in mind.