

IWAMIZAWA COMPOUND STATION BUILDING

In December 2000, the third Iwamizawa station was burnt down. About eight years later, the fourth Iwamizawa station which people were waiting for, was completed as a compound station building with the city facilities in March, 2009. It is birth of a new symbol in the Iwamizawa city.

Iwamizawa city was a town in the railway that prospers as a strategic location of the cargo transportation in the background of the development of the coal industry.

Bricks and old used rails are the leading role of new station as the material which is history of the railway. The masonry method of the bricks is “Koba-kuukan zumi” that is a traditional method in Hokkaido. The old rails used for years were reproduced as the curtain wall. And, the plan of construction is open to “Scenery of the railway”.

In the process of construction, the communication of the person and the person was born in the town again with some events performed with a citizen.

The true value of this station is to reconsider the individuality of the local city and reorganize a relation between a person and a person beyond the territory of architecture.