

OFUNATO CIVIC CULTURE CENTER AND LIBRARY

Multiple complex type of public facility designed with more than 50 times of citizen workshop

Rias Hall is a new complex type of public facility made by lots of people with the citizen workshops based on the theory of Regional Institution (Certain type of institution that revitalizes local regions and architecture that creates an original culture) =Synergistic effect (Interaction or cooperation of two or more agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects. For instance, $1+1=3$).

This architecture consists of various factors like a theater which has a seating capacity of 1100, library added by the citizens in the workshop, multi-space, atelier, Japanese tatami room, Japanese tea room and studio.

In the workshops we used the Technique 'design script' that bridges architects and residents together with a special story specific to the local area and tried to design only one architecture.

As a result more than 20,000 people use this facility every month although the population of the city is about 40,000.