

Establishment of open lectures for the young people on architectural technologies, utilizing the research facilities

Shimizu Open Academy was founded in September 2008. Its aim is to share the building and construction technologies with the public and to draw young students' interest for architectural engineering, as well as to encourage them to bear the future construction industry.

Shimizu Open Academy established open lectures, which cover wide range of themes in architectural and civil engineering. Those who attend the program are able to learn the state-of-the-art technologies through lectures and site tours, conducted by the front-line engineers. In the site-tour of the company's own research facilities, 3D films of the latest architectural themes and projects are offered as audio education. And the participants are able to experience strong winds and large earthquake motions in laboratories to realize their effects against buildings. Moreover, they are able to study the history and evolution of construction techniques and materials at the Gallery of Construction Technology History.

In the past 3 years, more than 12,500 people have attended Shimizu Open Academy. By arranging various programs and events, Shimizu Open Academy welcomes many more people to come.