This arts center was converted from a former junior high school. For the conversion design, we tried to avoid a space designed with a purely architectural styles as much as possible. The main target of the arts center was to have a suitable performance for artists managing. A fairly extreme conversion designs could be selected to the provide the space for these different types of activities. For the galleries which hold professional exhibitions, we designed them as a perfect white cube with an extensive renovation, in tenant spaces for artists, we left memories of the school with more minimal renovation. The space wasn’t designed as simply visual. We aimed at designing the structure behind the surface, which could also be called a place.

A city park was also converted. It was changed into an open bright park with a camphor tree located in the center. The back side of the former school faced the park, we designed a huge opening extending onto a deck and descending a grand staircase. The arts center realized a plan to follow the designed inside to the exterior. It’s hoped that the arts center will be a place which connects art to people.