“Bamboo Ark” is built by student volunteers on the coast of Kesennuma to replace the former building which was swept away by the tsunami. Composed entirely of local bamboo, its pliant qualities are used to form multiple arches over a circular plan. It was difficult construction work because of all hand-made, however, students did not give up.

What impressed me most was the smile of children in this region. Although a city planning from a macroscopic point of view is necessary for the recovery from the great disaster, we can also expect spontaneous recovery of the town based on the assembly of local activities. The bonds of small local activities will develop as the whole recovery of the town in future. We are happy if our plan can play a role as one of such activities.