

**Musashino place**

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Location: Tokyo, Japan

Musashino Place is a multifunctional public institution which hosts a library, teens support center, lifelong education center and the civic action support center, locating in Tokyo Musashino city. It opened in 2011.

We planned Musashino Place as an assembly of room units which are deduced from physical dimensions, in order to create a fundamental comfort. And every room units acquires separability and connectability at the same time by being connected one by one through a narrow opening. Being enfolded in the form, in the light, in the sound, and in the air, you will sense the comfort that it contains. These room units are also carefully related to each other so that various activities spontaneously occur as a chain reaction. It is these relations that make Musashino Place a generator of social communication.

Being delightfully accepted by the citizen, it came to have an extremely high customer attraction in spite of the locality and of the scale itself. Million and a half people are visiting Musashino Place every year, and many people actually moved in near by for the sake of daily use.

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**Program:** library, Teens support center, Lifelong education center, Civic action support center

**Architects:** kw+hg architects (Yasuko Kawaharada, Takehiko Higa) <http://kwhg.co.jp/>

**Architects in charge:** Yasuko Kawaharada, Takehiko Higa, Kei Watanabe

**Structural engineer:** Ryouzou Umezawa <http://www.use-web.co.jp/>

**Area:** 9809 sqm

**Completion:** 2011