

AKIHA WARD CULTURAL CENTER

Akiha Ward Cultural Center is a 3000m² public theater with 496 seats located in a district famous for railway industry in Niigata city. This building is designed to be a cultural incubator for the locals.

The surrounding area is a residential district on a vast flatland with some small hills. Following the characteristics of the hills, the global formation of the building is terraced landscapes where people can go up and enjoy the panoramic view.

The planning has been developed through workshops with the locals. Several rooms and functions were added in response to their requests. The planning diagram is stratified in the order of exterior corridor, entrance lobby, functional rooms, backstage corridor, and the main hall. To accommodate the gap between the global formation and the planning based on the workshop, the structural concrete walls are bent and twisted to reach the balanced support points of the roof slabs.