

## **OTAKI TOWN HALL**

The town hall was originally designed 50 years ago by Kenji Imai, who was a giant of modern architecture in Japan. It will be renovated for seismic retrofitting and construction of new extensions to revive it as a new town hall. The town hall is a center of the town where it is located. To emphasize its centrality while carrying on the spirit of Kenji Imai, a broad-minded space, somewhat similar to the space formed by the roof of a traditional Japanese building, was created by layering simple portal frame structures that are also seen on existing buildings. The attic space and its lighting that invokes sunshine filtering through trees, address the challenges surrounding the symbolic nature of the town hall and its harmonization with existing buildings.