

大屋根の棲家

HOUSE WITH BIG ROOF

This home has been designed to be in harmony with the natural setting of the surrounding village. Located in Sasebo City, in Nagasaki Prefecture, it is a residence intended for a family of four. The couple living here now chose this locale, situated in a very old community, because they felt the area was ideal for the raising of children. Even with the form of the roof, great effort was made to show respect for the similar designs of the neighboring houses. First, since the south side of the house is overlooked by a well-traveled road, the fact that this side of the house would be highly visible to passers-by had to be taken into account. Second, it was very important that on the north side of the house, the neighboring residence would continue to receive the same amount of sunlight and thus preserve the original conditions it enjoyed before. After many attempts to address this particular issue, the designer arrived upon the solution of incorporating a semi-basement into the structure. The simple organization of the floor plan was achieved by utilizing repeating 2,275 x 3,185 grid units. Internally, the use of long concrete slabs on both sides of the house promotes a sensation of continuity with the land that appears infinite to the eye. From waist-level up, the interior of the house is open to the outside. From the unique atmosphere of the surrounding community, the fruit of all our efforts was arriving at the equally unique character of this residence.