

河口湖とらのこ保育園

KAWAGUCHIKO TORANOKO NURSERY

This project is a small nursery in Yamanashi prefecture, Japan. The site offers a spectacular view of Mt. Fuji. The client manages three elderly facilities at the site. They wanted to make a community space for the users of the facility and the local people in the middle of the site where it is surrounded by the three facility buildings. The idea was then developed and specified to create a lounge for having a tea and a nursery to take care of the children in the local area.

Located in the center of the enclosed site, the roofs are lightly positioned in various angles, opening towards all possible directions to allow physical and visual approach from any route. For the roof structure, a series of curved LVL ribs sandwiched by structural plywoods enabled large spans with only 86mm thickness, floating lightly like a soft sheet of cloths. It is designed in hopes that this small nursery creates a core space for the community, as if under a big tree.