Title: The architecture school for kids

Abstract:

The architecture school for kids is a school of environmental education for children (from the third grade at elementary school to junior high school students) where pupils learn living conditions as a general education through architecture and craftsmanship. The school was founded by the environmental architecture laboratory in Kagoshima University in collaboration with VEGA House, a local building firm, in 2016.

Features of the school are 1) joint education program between industry and university, 2) lessons organized by university students, 3) colourful class contents from forestry to architecture, and 4) consecutive lectures like a cram school. After 4 years, numerous classes and workshops have been organized for about 1,000 children. There have also been positive effects on university students, as teaching is the best learning process. Recently, a cooperation with public organizations as well as private enterprises to carry out lessons opening more to the society.