## A welfare facility centre in Gotemba, Japan

Proposal on application of the wisdom of our ancestors to build the future of welfare, from the land that sees Mt. Fuji. Learning from the spirit of "Yui - mutual aid" in thatching system, which connects every existence of people, local community and nature, we provide healthy and warm environment for all of them.



Thatching involves a variety of works such as building a forest, harvesting thatch, making thatch bundles, rethatching, using old thatch as manure, and is a well matched with welfare for a sense of everyone can contribute something, regardless of whether they have a disability or not.



## Design 5

Architecture that enhances the " One Health" by cooperate living workings of human and nature and the resulting autonomous and sustainable local cultural landscape

Buildings, villages, cities and communities had been sustained through daily activities of the people in the past. By modern economic system, these links have been disconnected each other. In this facility, users are not just consumers but are part of the society and the nature creating the new local environment through working and living with the building. The project provides a place for people, including users, operators, local people, visitors, to feel full of learnings and attachment to this community by doing below for example.

Thatch harvesting in the foot of Mt. Fuji, "Kariyasu" growing and

harvesting on the big common roof, processing architectural materials and products of thatch, assisting thatchers' works, growing wasabi using spring water from Mt. Fuji, maintaining the biotope, growing vegetables in the surroundings farmland, cooking in the common space, making kamado furnace, environmental regeneration activities.

And it will be a place to discuss about coexistence with nature and future welfare, and a place to learn and pass on traditional local events and skills of daily life.

In addition, thatching experts will support the creation of products that can be used in modern society by utilizing local resources such as thatch, soil and wood, and the wisdom of tradition. The facility will function also as the research and development centre and workshop that drive the good cycle of local production and consumption, resource recycling, improvement of the natural nent, mental and physical health and increasing income for disability people.

This is a modern form of temples and shrines that used be the place for learning and welfare for both humans and nature.

This facility is shared among the staffs, communities, visitors, specialists, and administrations, helping one another. The cycle of such activities grows larger and larger under the energy of Mt. Fuji. And this new way of welfare that creates health for people, communities and nature will be transmitted throughout Japan and to the world.

Creating the Future of welfare, driven by "mutual understanding, mutual support, and mutual supplement"



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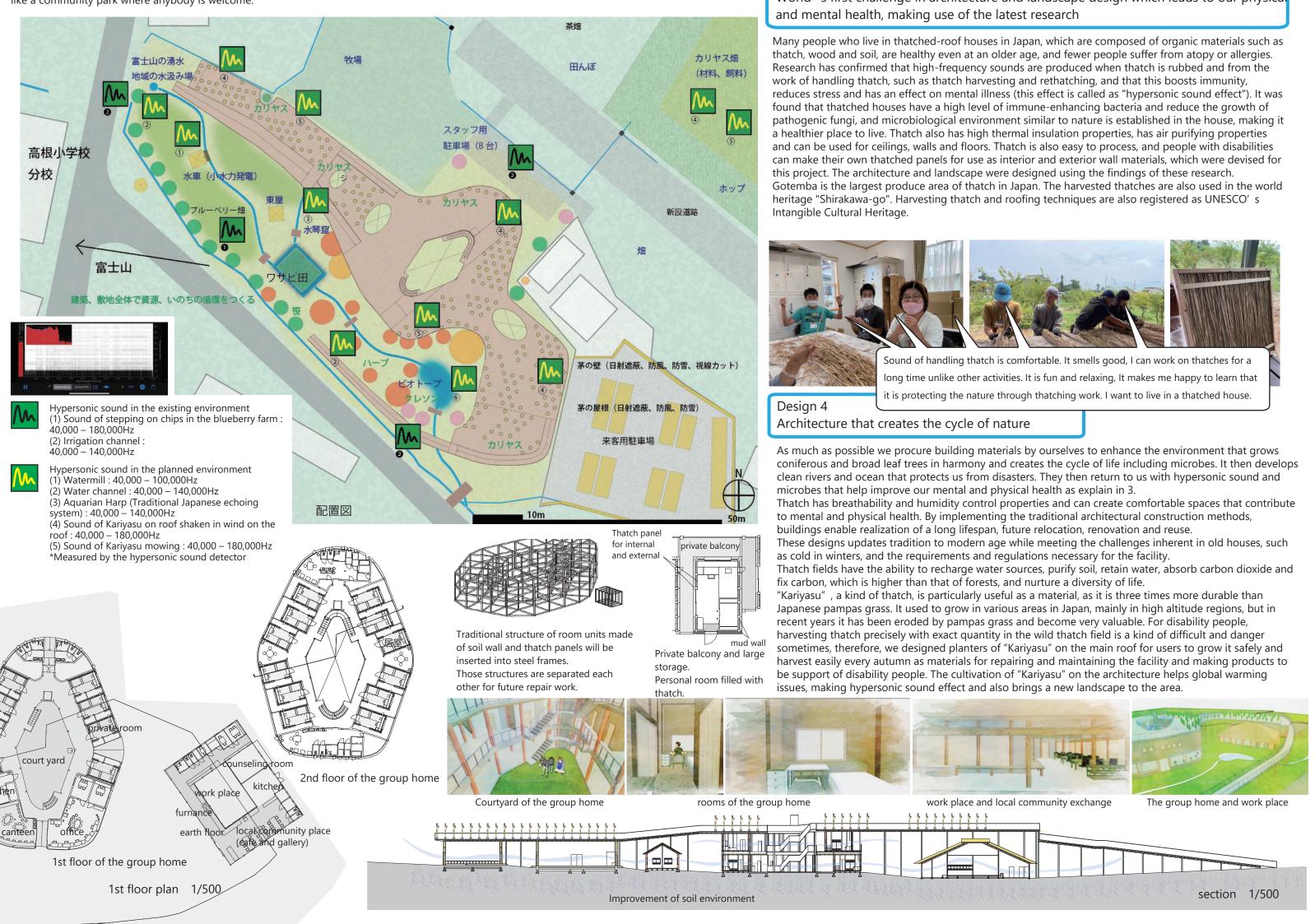
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## Design 1 To be part of the local landscape

Planned location is Kamikobayashi in Gotenba, Shizuoka prefecture, near Mt. Fuji. It has a gradual slopes of the foot of Mt. Fuji, and has the spectacular views of Mt. Fuji. Within 1km from the site is the Shin-Gotenba Interchange of Shin-Tomei Expressway, which is planned to be connected to Tokyo within a few years. It is surrounded by the forest, primary school, nursery school, local houses, and farms, but its landscape is about to change due to farmland consolidation and development. In this project, master architect had resided in the area as part of the director to study in depth the history, culture, ecology of the area, as well as to know problems in welfare situation in Japan and develop relationship with the local people, in order to design the facility that blend in the landscape and create a new sight in the area. The space open to the community (Disability employment services facility, workshops, thatched house as shelter, storage for thatch materials, gardens, blueberry field, etc.) and the private space (group homes) are interconnected with one big common roof that blend well with Plan outline the surrounding environment and the facility itself. This forms the philosophy of this project that builds bonding of diverse individuals. The big common roof blends with the garden where users and visitors (both adults and children) can enjoy ever-changing landscapes and animals (donkeys, miniature horses, goats, birds, insects, fish, frogs...) while walking around the facility to rest, be healed, talk, eat, and enjoy the view of Mt. Fuji. This facility will be the place as "One Health" for both people and nature like a community park where anybody is welcome.



Site area : 4444 m2 gardens, blueberry field



## Design 2

To provide a welcoming home that makes people feel the true nature of human beings

Humans have evolved over millions of years in forests and grasslands. That environment is the base and makes our genes (the blueprint of our body and mind). Therefore, when we enter a forest or a thatched roof, we feel a sense of healing, security and nostalgia, irrespective of race, culture or disability. We eat rice cooked in our own thatched roofs and vegetables grown by ourselves under a big roof, protected by a warm house made of natural materials. We take care of animals that heal us ourselves. And we realize we are a part of the nature which delicately sensing the sunlight, wind, smells and seasonal changes of nature. As much as possible we bring back such lifestyle which was considered common in the past addressing the modern requirements. In case of a disaster, the facility is used as a refuge shelter utilizing the big roof, buildings, spring water in the site, and thatch being used in futons and pillows for local people sleeping.

Total floor area : 1202.1 m2 Building use : group home, disability employment services facility, workshops, shelter, storage for thatch materials Landscape use : water canal, water mill,



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