

4th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition:
World Universities Participate in Competition for Sustainable Architecture
Based on the Theme of "PRODUCTIVE GARDEN – A Space for Enjoying Hokkaido
with All Five Senses"

The LIXIL JS Foundation (located in Koto-ku, Tokyo; president: Yoichiro Ushioda), which facilitates surveys and researches related to the housing and building materials industry as well as supporting the development of human resources, has organized "LIXIL International University Architectural Competition". The aim of this competition is to convey technological developments for the next generation sustainable architecture to the global society. Situated on a site in the Memu Meadows of Hokkaido's Taiki-cho, we seek sustainable architectural solutions from invited universities around the world. The winning university will be responsible for the project throughout the construction phase.

LIXIL JS Foundation will hold the 4th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition with the theme, "PRODUCTIVE GARDEN – A Space for Enjoying Hokkaido with All Five Senses" . The participating universities are asked to show the process from initial design to completion on the official Facebook page.

(Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LIXIL.IUAC>)



Top Prize of the 2nd Competition
Keio University (Japan) / BARN HOUSE
Completion: November, 2012
Photo by Shinkenchiku-sha.



Top Prize of the 3rd Competition
Harvard University (USA) / HORIZON HOUSE
Completion: November, 2013.

The 4th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition

Theme : PRODUCTIVE GARDEN – A Space for Enjoying Hokkaido with All Five Senses

Taiki-cho, Hokkaido, Japan, is an area of expansive grasslands and wetlands where people can enjoy both the greenery of summer and the snows of winter. In Taiki-cho, people engage in farming and other activities in harmony with nature and the seasons, producing a cornucopia of delicious and nutritious food such as wild vegetables in the spring and salmon, venison and assorted fruit in the fall. Preparing and eating fresh food in these uniquely beautiful natural surroundings is a reminder of what it means to be alive, as well as an opportunity to think about our relationship to the environment.

This project is intended to capitalize on the existing natural beauty of Taiki-cho, with additions or modifications as necessary. Please prepare a scenario for interaction with the natural environment, adding whatever contrivances as required.

The goal is to create a space that draws visitors by appealing to all five senses, offering nature walks, scenery for gazing, dining, and more.

■ Review Board

Kengo Kuma (Chief Juror, Architect,
Professor, Graduate School of Architecture, the University of Tokyo)
Tomonari Yashiro (Vice President, the University of Tokyo)
Isoya Shinji (Landscape Architect, Doctor of Agriculture)
Kundo Koyama (Television, Radio and Script writer)

■ List of Participating Universities

Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands)
National University of Singapore (Singapore)
Politecnico di Milano (Italy)
The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (Norway)
Tongji University (China)
Bandung Insitute of Technology (Indonesia)
Tokyo University (Japan)
Tokyo University of Agriculture (Japan)
Hokkaido University (Japan)
and others.

■ Schedule

November 23th, 2013	Theme symposium (webcast : http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lixil-iuac131123)
March 20th, 2014	Deadline of submission (the first stage)
April 1st	Announcement of selected 3 teams
April 25th	Presentation of selected 3 teams in Tokyo (the second stage)
November	Completion of the construction

Organizer: LIXIL JS Foundation

Cooperator: LIXIL Corporation Research Institute

Official website: www.lixiljsfound.or.jp/category/1835715.html

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/LIXIL.IUAC

Contact Information

Executive Secretariat of 4th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition

KYODO PUBLIC RELATIONS Co., Ltd.

Yasuharu Sakai, +81(0)3-3571-5326

lixil_pr@kyodo-pr.co.jp