

A Competition Inviting Proposals from 12 Universities in 11 Countries Worldwide for Sustainable Construction Based on the Theme: “House for Enjoying the Harsh Cold”

“The 5th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition”

Top Three Universities Proceeding to Open Final Screening Announced

The winner will be determined in an open final screening to be held on Tuesday, April 21

The LIXIL JS Foundation (located in Koto-ku, Tokyo; president: Yoichiro Ushioda), which facilitates surveys and research related to the housing and building materials industry as well as supporting the development of human resources, decided upon the following three universities to proceed to the Open Final Screening from the 12 universities in 11 countries after the stringent documentary examination by the jury in the 5th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition held for the purpose of seeking and reviewing next-generation sustainable housing technology and communicating that technology to global society.

■ Three Universities Proceeding to Open Final Screening <In alphabetical order>

Title	Name of University
WEAR-HOUSE	Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
PASSAGE THERMAL DELIGHT	Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette (France)
INVERTED HOUSE	The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (Norway)



Chulalongkorn University
WEAR-HOUSE



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d'Architecture de Paris La
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PASSAGE
THERMAL DELIGHT



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INVERTED HOUSE

In the 5th competition, 12 universities from 11 countries worldwide were invited to submit proposals on the theme “House for Enjoying the Harsh Cold” for the site in Memu Meadows in Taiki-cho, Hokkaido. In the town where winter is cold and isolated, contestants were called on to propose facilities that allow people to enjoy even the cold and severity of nature in a positive way by leveraging Taiki-cho’s beautiful water and greenery.

The head of the jury is globally renowned architect, Kengo Kuma. The other members of the jury are Tomonari Yashiro, Professor of Institute of Industrial Science and, Dana Buntrock, Department of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley.

The winning project will be selected from three universities at the Open Final Screening to be held at the Keidanren Kaikan (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) on April 21, 2015. The university selected as the winner will construct the project on the site in Memu Meadows.

<Reference Materials>

■Outline of the Open Final Screening for the “5th LIXIL International University Architectural Competition”

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 15:30~18:20

Location: Keidanren Kaikan, 4th Floor, Diamond Room (South)
(1-3-2 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Jury: Kengo Kuma (Architect / Professor, the University of Tokyo)
Tomonari Yashiro (Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo
/ Vice President, the University of Tokyo)
Dana Buntrock (Architect, Department of Architecture, University of California,
Berkeley)

Participating universities: 12 universities in 11 countries

* The three universities marked with ☉ will proceed to the Open Final Screening held on April 21.

☉**Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette (France)**

Politecnico of Milan (Italy)

☉**The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (Norway)**

Superior Technical School of Architecture of Madrid (Spain)

Istanbul Technical University (Turkey)

Yale University (USA)

Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil)

The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Seoul National University (South Korea)

☉**Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)**

Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan)

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Japan)

Organizer: LIXIL JS Foundation

Cooperator: LIXIL Corporation Research Institute, Hokkaido Taiki Town

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■Outline of LIXIL International University Architectural Competition

The LIXIL International University Architectural Competition is a design competition hosted by LIXIL JS Foundation for university research laboratories.

Situated on a site in the Memu Meadows of Hokkaido's Taiki-cho, we seek sustainable architectural solutions from nominative universities around the world.

The winning university will be responsible for the project throughout the construction phase.

■ Overview of Facility

Name: Memu Meadows

Location: 158-1 Memu, Taiko-cho, Hiro-gun, Obihiro, Hokkaido (on the former site of Taiki Farms)

Owner: LIXIL JS Foundation 2-1-1 Ojima, Koto-ku, Tokyo, 136-8535

Site area: App. 184,000 square meters

Main facilities: Experimental house “Même”, “BANGLADESH BANBOO PROJECT”, “A recipe to live”, “BARN HOUSE”, “HORIZON HOUSE”, “NEST WE GROW”, multipurpose hall, conference center, two housing units (accommodation for researchers), two log houses (accommodation for researchers), fitness center, restaurant, sauna, administrative building, etc.