

PROGRAMA WORKSHOP LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR A FORMER SCHOOL BUILDING

- Theme

Landscape Design for a Former School Building

- Purpose

Throughout Japan, areas that are not major urban centers are struggling with depopulation and aging. These problems are severe in Atsuta, the site for this project. In particular, the number of children in the community has declined drastically, and the village has decided to construct a new school to serve elementary and junior high students from a large surrounding area. With the construction of the new school, the elementary school that is currently in use will be abandoned within several years. Plans to turn the old school building into a lodging facility have been proposed, although not yet confirmed. However, the budget for this project will likely be extremely limited.

Given this situation, I believe the most appropriate design response is to use curtains, partitions, and other moveable elements inside to limit expenses as much as possible, while focusing on creating an attractive landscape design for the school grounds, including the playground. Landscaping that showcases the beauty of each season may help attract attention to the area. I hope to communicate the concept that a beautiful landscape can be a valuable resource. It is also desirable that the site serve as a place for people of all ages from both the local community and elsewhere to gather and interact.

Please propose a landscape design that provides beautiful scenery, that people will remember long after their visit, and that will inspire various activities to help revitalize the community.

- Project site

Ishikari Shiritsu Atsuta Elementary School (Address: 109-2 Atsuta, Atsuta Ward, Ishikari, Hokkaido)

<https://www.google.co.jp/maps/place/%E7%9F%B3%E7%8B%A9%E5%B8%82%E7%AB%8B%E5%8E%9A%E7%94%B0%E5%B0%8F%E5%AD%A6%E6%A0%A1/@43.4008294,141.4344136,189m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xfdeec597c7a7e32!8m2!3d43.400762!4d141.435158>

- Design conditions

Required

1. Include parking spaces for two buses and ten cars somewhere on the site. Make sure to consider how to separate foot and car traffic.
2. Highlight Japan's four seasons. Please research the seasons and amount of snowfall in the project region before the workshop.

Optional

1. Highlight the beauty of trees in either part or all of the site (please choose trees suited to northern climates, such as silver birch and maple).
2. You may incorporate the existing school building into your design.
3. Prioritize the following four views of the site in your design. If possible, please include representations of these views in your presentation.
 - The site as viewed from the national highway.
 - The site as viewed with the elementary school building in the background.
 - The site as viewed from the windows of the school building.
 - The site as viewed by someone on the grounds.

- Final presentation

1. Please present your plan in approximately 10 to 15 slides (however, instructions from FADU should be prioritized).
2. If possible, text on the slides should be written in English.