

Yame city Multi generation center 2001/5 Yame-city Fukuoka-prefecture



Yame city Fukushima junior high school Gym 2004/2 Yame-city Fukuoka-prefecture



Sea Museum in Kamae 2005/3 Kamae-town Ohita-prefecture



The International Library of Children's Literature

2000

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A glass box, which is the entrance of the building, is built-in across the building.



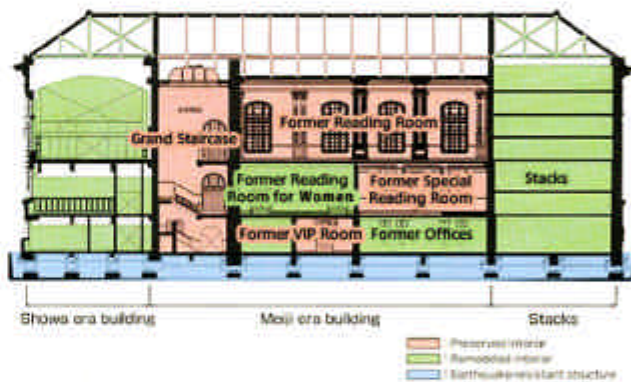
The left side is the new glass wall added by Tadao Ando. The right side is the outer wall of the original building.



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Cafeteria in the glass box faces the garden.

ILCL was founded on January 1, 2000. The original building dates from 1906 and was expanded in 1929. As a typical example of Western, Renaissance-style architecture built in the Meiji era, it has been designated as a metropolitan historic building by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. While preserving the original form, it has been remodeled for its function as a children's library by Tadao Ando. The design and structure of the interior and exterior of the valuable architectural heritage has been preserved as much as possible. The building has also been made earthquake-resistant to protect it from major earthquakes. The architectures of three different eras (Meiji, Showa and Heisei) are united and renovated as a children's library, which preserves its value as architectural heritage as well as developing a new function and providing a new environment for the public.



Plan of the building: Preservation planning (Plan by Nikken Sekkei Co. Ltd.)



The antique lamp top of the staircase is maintained since the Meiji era and still alights beautifully. The handrail is also preserved and covered by glass case which shows the change of the regulation from 1906. Also, this building is completely divided from the ground by the earthquake-resistant device.