


■ Building overview	
Location	773 Nobusawa, Kaisei, Ashigarakami District, Kanagawa
Site area	7,699.27 m ²
Building footprint	2,150.16 m ²
Gross floor area	3,893.19 m ²
Floor count	3
Structure	Reinforced concrete structure (partially steel frame) with base isolation
Height	16.39m
Elevators	1 stretcher-accessible passenger elevator (capacity: 11 passengers)
No. of parking spaces	89 (for visitors) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 EV charging space• 6 omoiyari parking spaces (for people who require special care)
EV charging equipment	2 fast EV chargers (1 for official vehicles only)
No. of bicycle/motorcycle parking spaces	69

■ Construction schedule	
Start date	July 25, 2018
Building completed	November 29, 2019
Project completed	June 30, 2021



■ Design/supervision	
MHS Planners, Architects & Engineers Ltd.; Yokohama Office	
■ Contractor	
Taisei Corporation, Yokohama Branch	

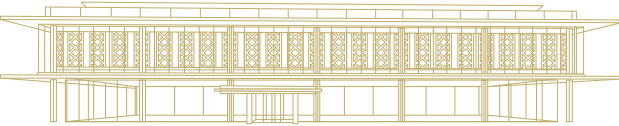
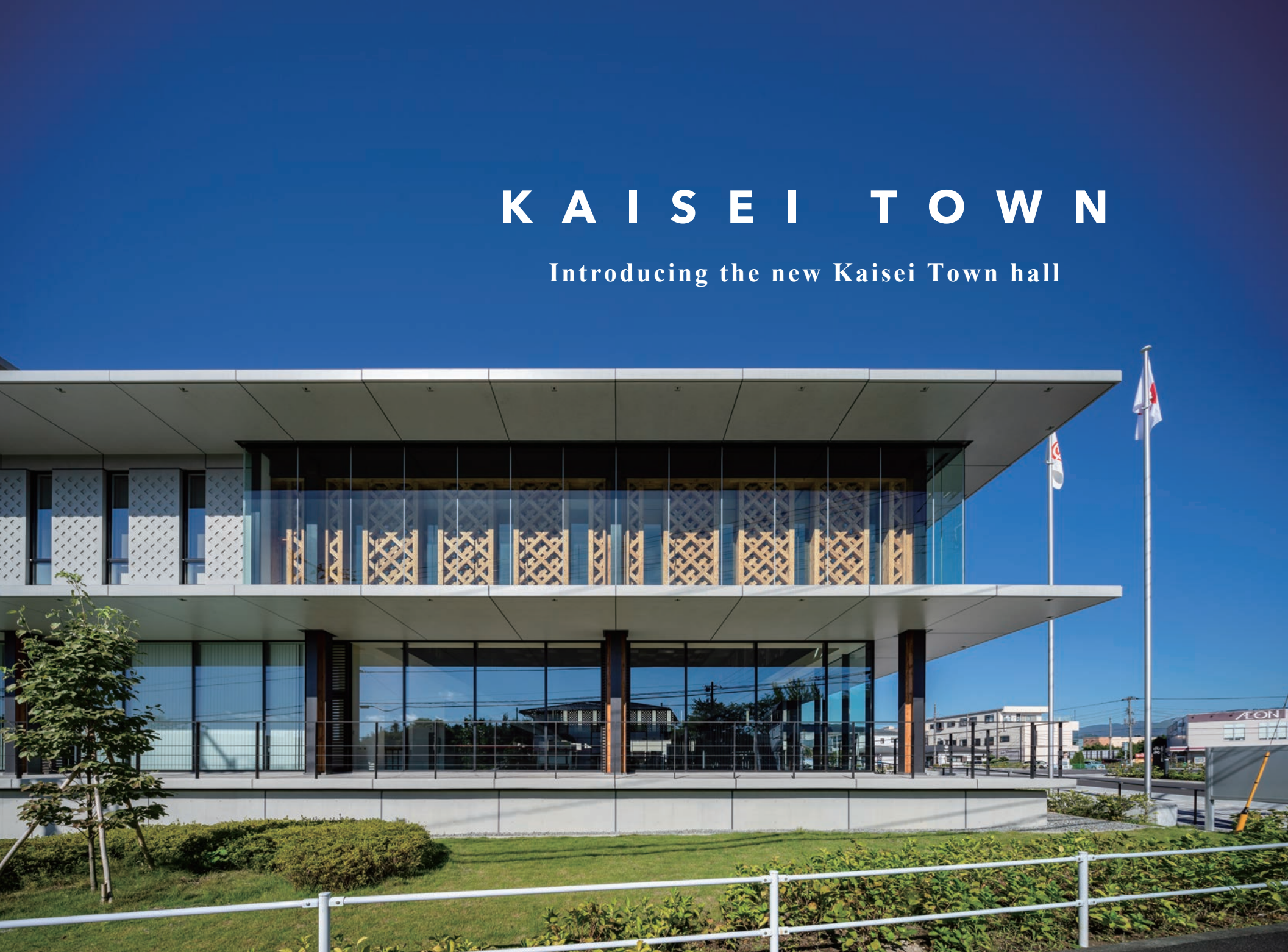
■ Town hall construction project cost		
[Project cost] (10K yen, tax included)		
Town hall construction	New town hall building	241,845
	Outdoor facilities	16,080
	Total construction cost	257,925
	Design / construction supervision	14,422
	Costs for investigation, etc.	3,764
	Miscellaneous expenses (total)	18,186
Deconstruction	Swimming pool	1,943
	Old town hall building	13,799
	Total deconstruction cost	15,742
	Design	620
	Costs for investigation, etc.	144
	Miscellaneous expenses (total)	764
Total		292,617





Kaisei Town Hall
Address: 773 Nobusawa, Kaisei,
Ashigarakami District, Kanagawa 258-8502
Phone: 0465-83-2331 (main number)





A “rustic modern” town hall that heralds a future where humankind and nature can coexist in harmony



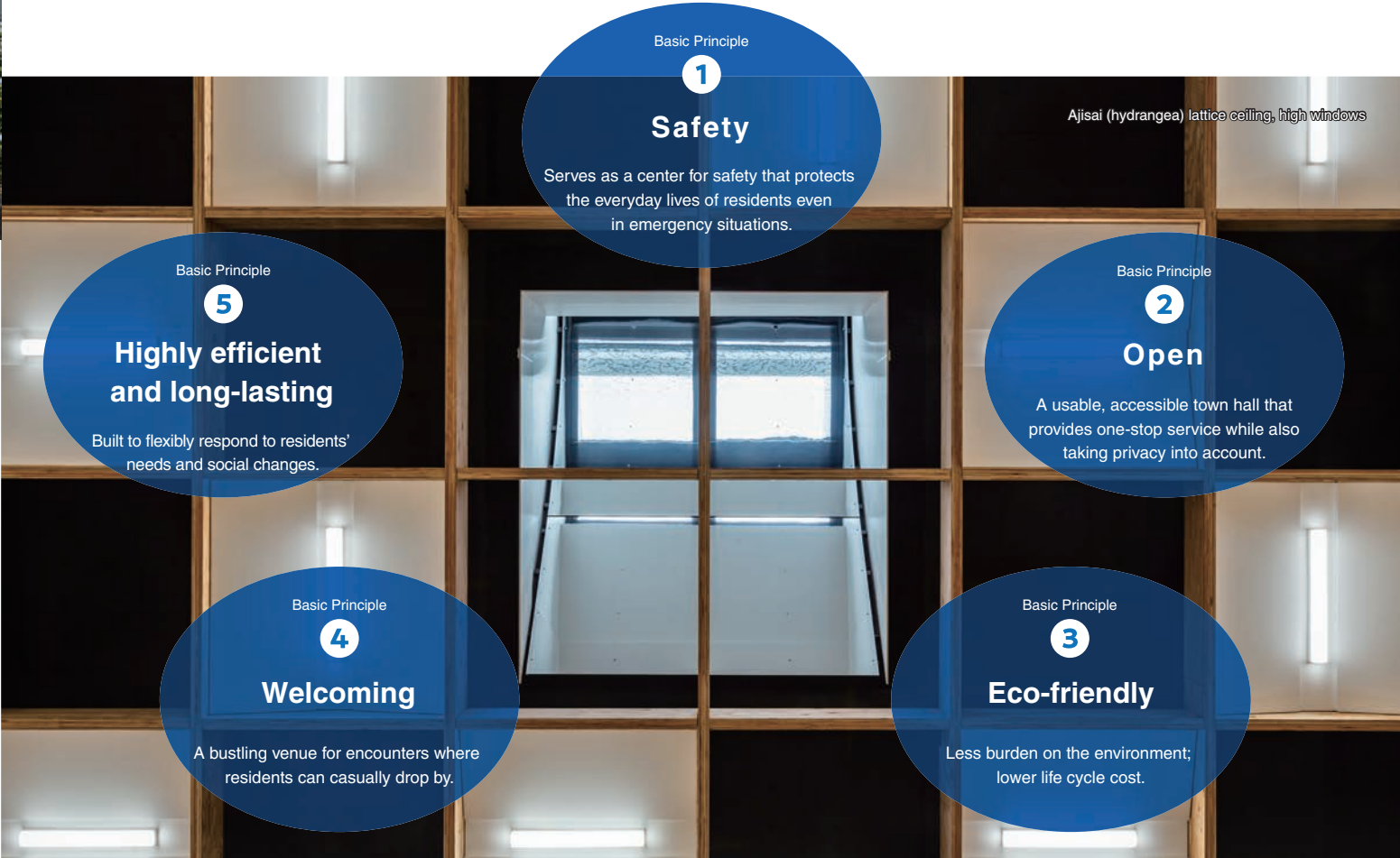
Kaisei Town Mayor
Yuichi Fukawa

I would like to express my deepest thanks to my fellow townspeople and everyone who made possible the completion of our new town hall and the development of its surrounding areas. When I first took office as the mayor of Kaisei Town, Japan was reeling from the repercussions of the Great East Japan earthquake and the Fukushima Daichi nuclear disaster that followed. I visited the disaster site personally, and what I saw there brought home to me just how crucial it is to protect the lives and assets of our residents, and to make use of renewable energy. I came away with a deep conviction that we needed a new town hall that was environmentally friendly and could flexibly serve as a disaster prevention location. This town hall was not erected simply to replace an old building. Our aim instead was to build a “home base” that could sustainably provide our townspeople with an expansive range of top-quality services, from everyday administrative operations to emergency disaster response, for the next 100 years. We had extensive conversations with our townspeople and carefully deliberated within the town government on what was needed to achieve this goal, and as a result were able to create the country’s first government building to be certified as a ZEB. To allow this new town hall to be its absolute best, it is imperative that we explore and continue to interrogate how we can better serve our residents, and that our town officials be prepared to flexibly revise how they do their jobs as times and needs evolve. We will continue to strive to keep our residents truly satisfied.



Kaisei Town Council Chair
Toshiro Yoshida

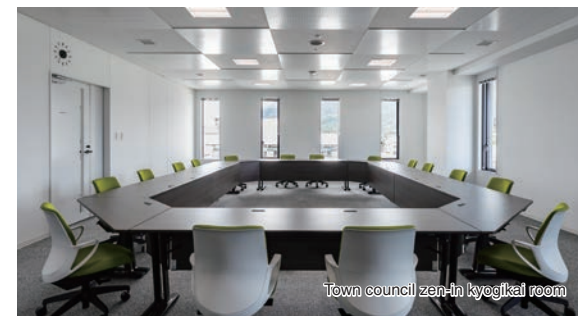
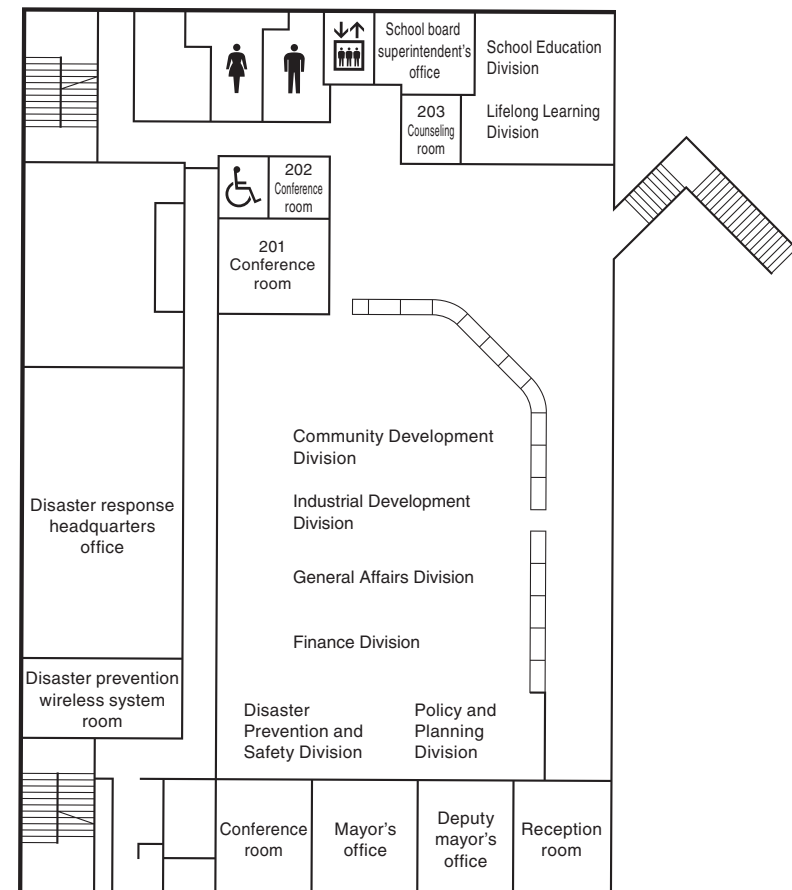
I would first like to offer my sincere congratulations on the completion of the new Kaisei Town Hall. It brings me immense joy to be able to celebrate this momentous occasion together with my fellow Kaisei townspeople. Kaisei Town was founded in 1955 through the merger of Sakata Village and Yoshidajima Village. Today the town boasts the highest population growth rate in Kanagawa prefecture, and the Kaisei railway station is served by all express trains. It has grown into a town endowed with a wealth of local resources, including its lush nature and rich culture and history. The progress our town has seen to this day would not have been possible without the perseverance and dedication of those before us, for which I thank and admire them deeply. I can only hope that our great townspeople continue to honor us with even stronger support and cooperation toward a Kaisei Town that is in step with new era. It was in December 2015 that a special investigation committee was set up to plan for the new town hall. I remember fondly the extensive discussions we had over many aspects of the project, such as what the convention floor should look like, how to provide a user-friendly one-stop shop for our residents, and the best work environment for our town officials. We at the Kaisei Town Council are committed to honoring the legacy of our predecessors who labored to better the town, and will continue to strive to pursue the mandate bestowed upon us by our townspeople to make our town safer and an even more wonderful place to live. I would like to close this address by expressing my sincere wishes for the greater welfare of the people of Kaisei and the continuing progress of our beloved town.





Usable and accessible.

Introducing our next-generation town hall that delivers high-quality service to our residents with a small environmental footprint.



3rd floor

Convention hall / gallery

Office room for council chair and vice chair

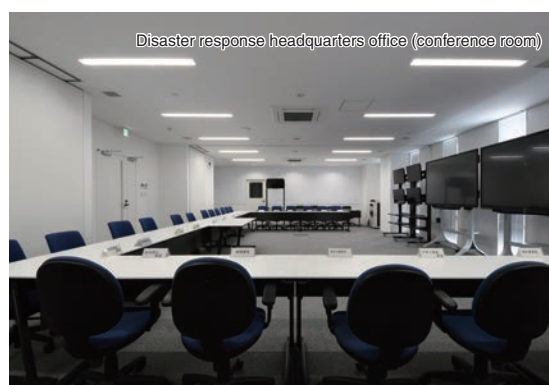
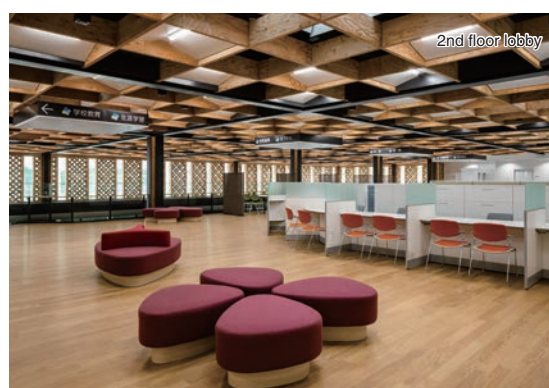
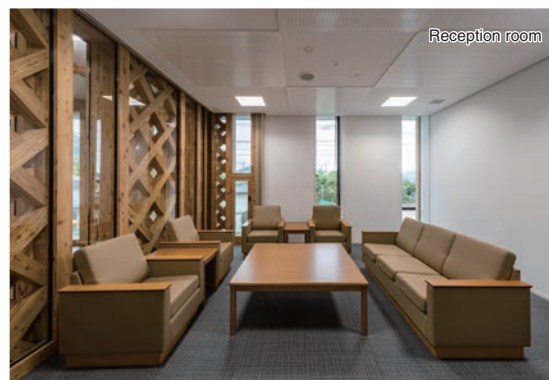
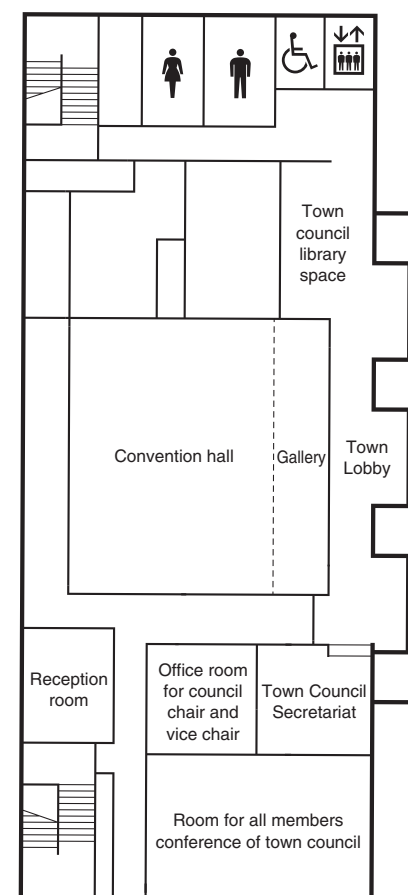
Reception room

Room for all members conference of town council

Town Council Secretariat

Town Lobby

Town council library space



2nd floor

Mayor's office

Deputy mayor's office

School board superintendent's office

Reception room

Conference room

Policy and Planning Division

General Affairs Division

Disaster Prevention and Safety Division

Finance Division

Community Development Division

Industrial Development Division

School Education Division

Lifelong Learning Division

Counseling room

Disaster prevention wireless system room

Disaster response headquarters office (conference room)

1st floor

Town Plaza

General Contact Division

Tax Division

Welfare / Long-Term Care Division

Child Care / Health Division

Environmental Water and Sewer Division

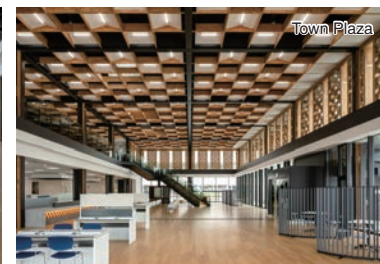
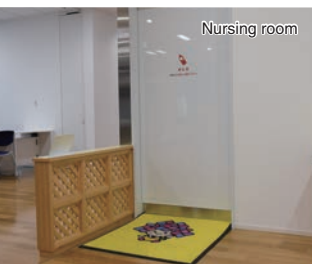
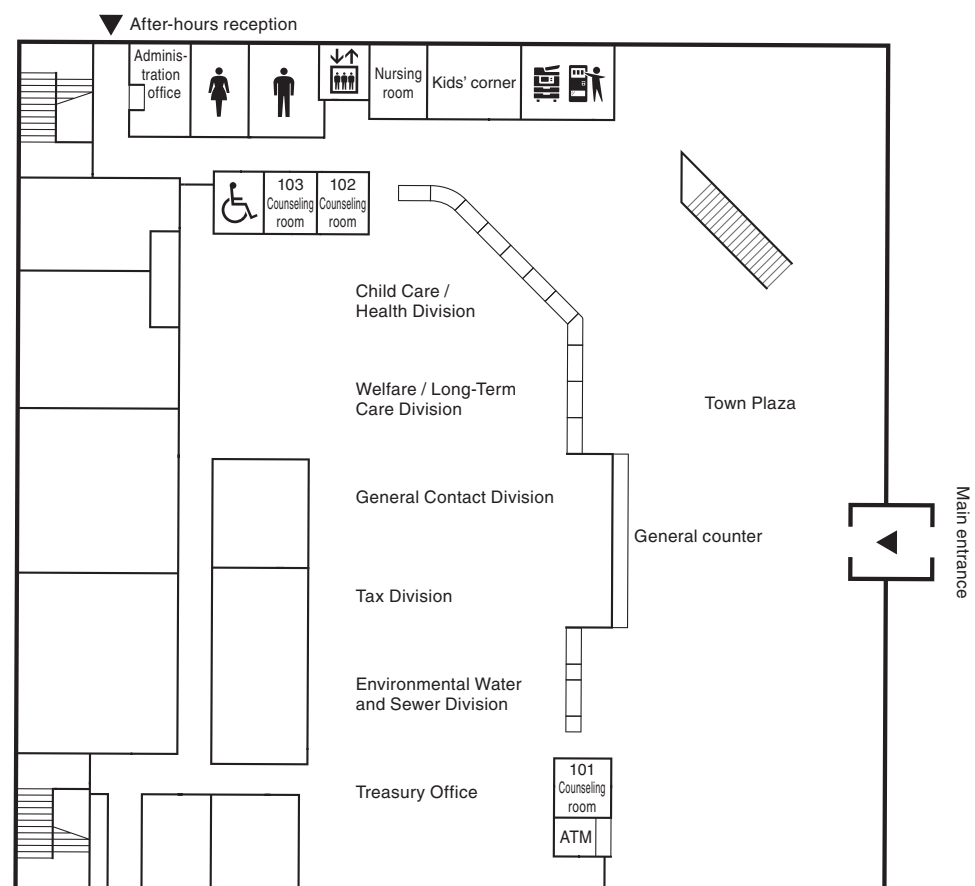
Treasury Office

Counseling room

Kids' corner

Nursing room

Administration office (after-hours reception)



A town hall that enables kaibutsu-seimu, the cultivation of scholarship and knowledge to serve society

Convenience

Comfort

Disaster Prevention

Environment

- To make the town hall more usable and accessible to visitors, the first floor was built to be spacious to allow for universal design and house all resident-facing administrative work. Residents can receive face-to-face, one-stop service at service counters, improving convenience and making it easier for them to communicate with town officials.
- To enable a wide range of office layouts, a highly flexible open-floor plan was adopted, and the pillars were built with plenty of space between each other. A "support area" with conference rooms, storage, library, and other facilities was built right behind the office to boost work efficiency and facilitate communication between different departments.

- The Town Plaza is a place where people can gather for new encounters and discoveries to further energize the community. It is a comforting and versatile space surrounded by woody materials to convey the distinctive "rustic modern" atmosphere of Kaisei Town.
- To create an air of openness, the Town Plaza on the first floor has a large opening through which people outside the building can see what's going on inside. The plaza incorporates universal design, with a floor plan that is easy to use and navigate for many people, and signs that are readily visible to anyone.

- The town hall building is equipped with base isolation so that it can keep operating as a town hall and function as an emergency response location in the event of a disaster. It also houses energy-efficient equipment, normally used for everyday purposes, that can immediately be switched to serve as business continuity equipment to allow the town hall to continue operations under disaster situations.
- The floor plan is designed to enable easy coordination with the disaster response office immediately after disaster occurrence, allowing the building to serve as a disaster recovery facility equipped with functions and spaces that take security into account.

- The town hall conserves energy without sacrificing comfort by adopting energy-efficient air conditioning such as radiant air conditioning systems that make use of solar power and groundwater, a perfect fit for a town rich in water resources; and through task-ambient lighting and LED dimmer control using motion and daylight sensors.
- The new town hall employs a wide range of environmental technologies to reduce energy consumption. Such efforts have earned the town hall ZEB (net zero energy building) certification through the BELS* program, the first government building in Japan to achieve this feat.

* BELS stands for "building-housing energy-efficiency labeling system"

