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Light but strong, cheap but beautiful: Architectural design practice in Japan and Asia



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We want to create spaces using less materials. We want to create beautiful spaces using inexpensive materials. We want to create circulative systems using local materials and technologies. Masaaki Iwamoto Laboratory conducts research, design, and social implementation from these interests. In the Brown Bag Seminar, 'Knot Hole House' (2017, ADAN Architects of the Year), 'TRIAXIS Suma Kaigan' (2018, Kukan Design Award Gold Prize), 'Kyushu University Bio Lab' (2019, Kukan Design Award Bronze Prize), 'Auxetic Pavilion' (2022, iF Design Award) and other works will be explained and introduced to the daily design practice of the Iwamoto Lab in Japan and Asia.