



Aerial view

(Photo by : Ishiguro Photographic Laboratory)

Business Category

Development of coating systems

Location	: Chiba prefecture
Office area	: 4,143m ²
Number of office staff	: 40
Project completed	: February, 2007
Design	: Okamura Corporation

- Received the 20th Nikkei New Office Award
- Received the 14th Chiba Prefecture Architecture Culture Award
- CASBEE S-CLASS certification (Applied for)

TAKUBO ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

Togane Technical Center

<http://www.takubo.co.jp/>

Takubo Engineering Co., Ltd, a company which develops coating systems for engineering products, relocated their Technical Center (which had previously been in Yashio) to Togane city. The location of Togane Technical Center (which is near Narita airport and Chiba port) was chosen for easy access to transport links for the foreign market. The concept of the design integrated a factory and an office area on one site with a large vaulted ceiling, which made it possible for workers to communicate more effectively. Located in a low-rise building, the factory/ demonstration room is on the ground floor, with the offices for the sales, development, service and projects divisions on the first floor. We designed a library area, which contains project information from all Takubo's customers and built it in the centre of the office. People get together there, and this space creates an environment for natural communication. Natural light from large north-facing windows and the use of "Sanbu" cedar (a local wood) created a warm open environment that makes you feel closer to the nature outside.



A vaulted ceiling allows the factory to be seen from the office floor, creating a more integrated environment.



We used local "Sanbu" cedar for the ceiling in the reception area to create a relaxed atmosphere.



Conference room with a view of both the assembly factory floor and an office



Bright and open office that makes the most of natural light from the north-facing windows.



Library function to allow easy access to project files



Large windows give the dining area an "al fresco" feel.

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