

Prof. Takaharu TezukaPresident, Tezuka Architects
Professor, Tokyo City University

Born in Tokyo, Japan in 1964 Takaharu Tezuka attained his B. Arch. from Musashi Institute of Technology in 1987 and M. Arch. from University of Pennsylvania in 1990. After he worked for Richard Rogers Partnership Ltd. (1990 – 1994), Takaharu Tezuka established Tezuka Architects in Tokyo with his partner, Yui Tezuka, in 1994. They have gone on to receive numerous awards such as Good Design Gold Prize (1997, 2013), Design for Asia Grand Award (2007), and the Best of All, OECD/CELE 4th Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities (2011) to name a few. Their work has also been showcased at international exhibits including the 2004 Venice Biennale of Architecture and 2013 Carnegie International, and their recognition for Fuji Kindergarten recently led Takaharu to be a featured TED speaker (TED.com “The best kindergarten you’ve ever seen” http://www.ted.com/talks/takaharu_tezuka_the_best_kindergarten_you_ve_ever_seenTED.com)

Takaharu and Yui have together completed over 100 built works ranging from small homes to large civic projects. Regardless of scale, their architecture goes beyond their keen understanding of material, structure, and space to emphasize a specific relationship between people and their environment. As demonstrated by such works as Roof House (2001) and Fuji Kindergarten (2007), each client, user, and site translates to a particular place that exhibits a deep yet playful understanding of how a family dwells, children interact, congregations worship, and the like. Moving forward, the Tezukas aim to build upon their fundamental observations of life across a broader range of locations and project types. □

Takaharu Tezuka’s publications include Takaharu + Yui Tezuka Architecture Catalogue 1-3. and Takaharu + Yui Tezuka NOSTALGIC FUTURE ERINNERTE ZUKUNFT.

