

# Testa Associates

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Our creation philosophy is simple. *Create superior works for those who want the best.* What do we mean by *the best*? When the people building and creating give their entire souls to a work; the hearts and souls of the creators (the planners and the individual builders, etc.) are incorporated into the final product, linked by bonds of trust, just like the materials and environment.

And what do we mean by *soul*? This is the creators' passion, their anguish, or their energy of boundless love.

When people feel this, when it inspires their thoughts and moves their hearts, it stirs powerful emotions deep within them. These souls that rouse our emotions convey a timeless message that captivates the imagination. New dreams, hopes, courage and gratitude spring to life. We hope that our creative work can awaken these powerful emotions.

And for this exhibition, we will explore the following themes. *Time*: Inspiring architecture is timeless. It transforms a single moment in time into a feeling that lasts forever. *Space*: What fills the space within our hearts? Perhaps, an intensely passionate soul. Then, that space will be borderless and free. *Existence*: People feel intensely aware of their own existence when faced with the emotions that we call a soul. They may even find themselves led to an eternal existence transcending space and time.

*Concept*: We addressed the topics crucial for the sustainable smart city with independent energy and resources recycling: *environmental and energy policies and communication network and transportation network policies.* We then considered other factors that are also indispensable for urban development: *education, culture and research, industry and business, and lifestyle and entertainment,* etc. And, we must not forget that each of these fields will prove most effective

when linked together. The key to connecting them strongly and smoothly lies with amenities, with modern comforts. We are proposing a new city plan that fully incorporates these amenities.

*Suburban condominium*: This project was built in the suburbs of Tokyo, Japan. Current Japanese construction regulations are particularly strict, and the dimensions of this condominium exceed those permitted in many non-central areas. The topography here is not particularly remarkable, but the building site is fairly large (approx. 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>). Due to its relative incompatibility with conventional building regulations, this site is not a typical choice. The property lacked any conveniently adjacent roads, meaning that the location was somewhat geographically isolated. However, this site was proposed as part of a regional development initiative. A 6-meter wide road connecting the condominium to main and regional roads was built as an effort to revitalize the area while offering greater convenience and comfort.

This condominium provides *Time* to prospective tenants (greater convenience, reduced time commitments and increased leisure time) and offers them a refreshing park *Space* featuring the sights and sounds of nature. This project proposal explains our plan *Existence* by successfully addressing each of these issues.



Fold the sail in strong winds



Origami type Hybrid of wind and solar

