

Chapel of MIHO Art School, Kyoto, Japan

Architects: I. M. Pei and io Architects, New York

Structural Engineering: Leslie E. Robertson Associates, New York

The Chapel is the focal point of the MiHo Institute of Aesthetics, a boarding school for 240 students. The site is dedicated to the Shumei spiritual movement, for which the appreciation of art and the respect for nature are key elements. High architectural standards are part of the philosophy. The outer panels of the Chapel consist of trapezoidal stainless steel panels. Each of them is 18.5 m long and shaped into a unique computer-generated twisted geometry.



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Details

Environment:	Rural
Fabrication process:	Laser cutting
Grade and finish:	SUS 304, bead blasted
Material thickness:	5 mm
Weight:	100 tons
Date of completion:	2012
Manufacturing company:	Kikukawa Kogyo Co., Ltd
Material supplier:	Nippon Steel and Sumikin Stainless Steel Corp.