

## Nihonbashi Mitsui Tower

### Tokyo, Japan

This is a newly added building joining the main Mitsui building, the Mitusi building was designed by Trowbridge & Livingston 70 years ago and is designated as a cultural asset of national importance. The origin of the concept for this project was the will to connect to more developments continuing the memories, quality level and pride of those great historical buildings in the Muromachi era. All aspects that were paramount in formulating a design including historical construction function, promotions, rhythm, shape and the aged look were created through conversations. The building's main function as a closed off bank was changed to an atrium function which interacts with the public greatly. The transparency that keeps the promotion principle of Neo-classicism was achieved.

This tower is a state-of-the-art building composed of a granite PC, a stainless steel sash, a stainless steel cornice and stainless steel pipe structure, and its corridor of columns creates a urban landscape harmonized with historic buildings. SUS445J1 is adopted for the exterior façade material because of maintenance free appreciation and durability, the surface finish of interior stainless steel is unified with a special HL finish of a mat style which suppresses gloss, and it is used as a building material. It is a building which raised the importance of stainless steel.

Environment:	urban
Use:	cornice, panel façade, pipe structure
Material:	SUS445J1 with a hairline polish (NSS445M2), 304
Fabricator:	Kikukawa Kogyo Co., Ltd.
Manufacturer:	Nisshin Steel
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