

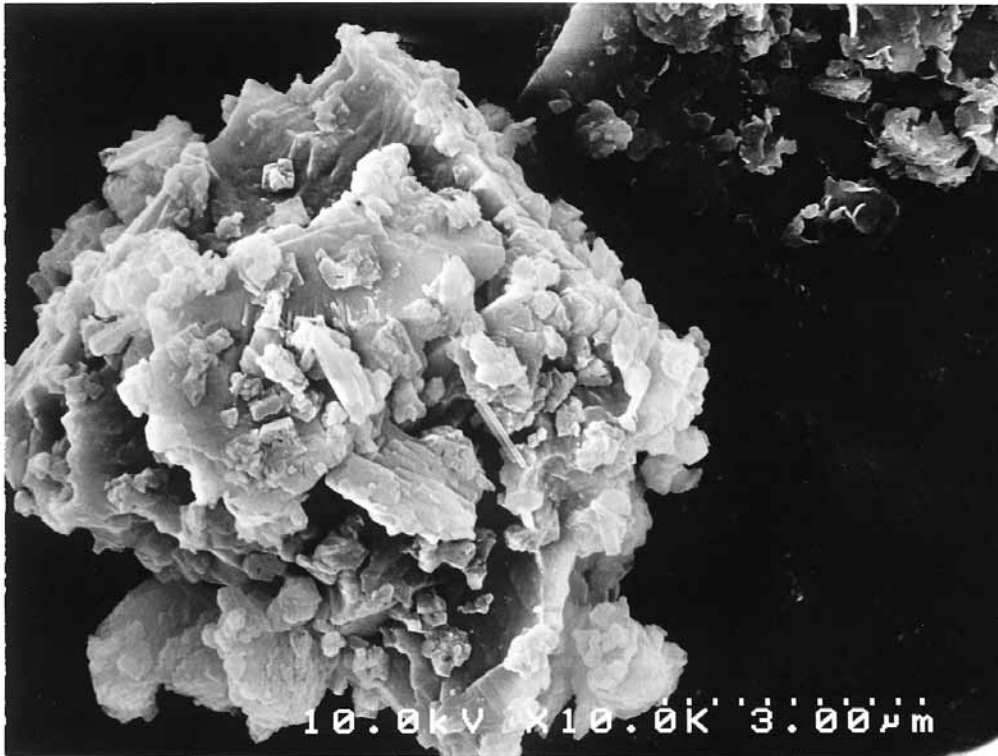
Takachiho shirasu corporation Shirasu walls a description

MAGMA closely connected with human beings

The Bond Between *Shirasu* and Humans

Shirasu, is the product of pyroclastic flows of magma which instantaneously cooled as they erupted, and it has the same physical characteristics as finely ground inorganic rocks. It can therefore be considered primitive strata that is untouched by the activities of plants or microorganisms.

What is Shirasu ?



***Shirasu is a
unique magma ceramic material.***

An electron micrograph of a *shirasu* grain.

The total surface area of *shirasu* per 1 gram

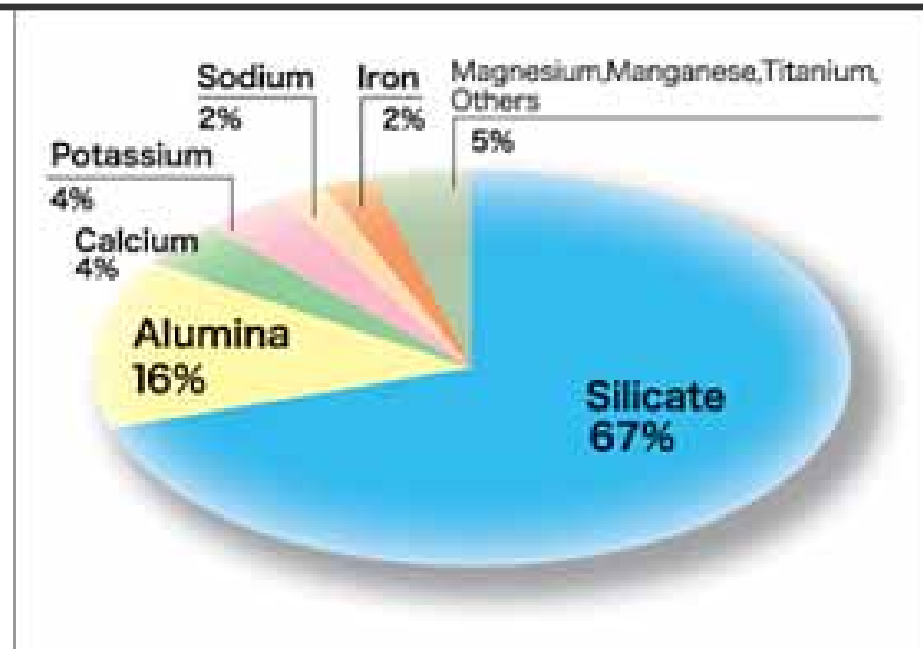
Approx. 9 m²

(It is approximately two times larger than the diatomaceous earth which burnt.)

***Shirasu* is a natural inorganic ceramic material created by magma, which we refer to as a “magma ceramic”. *Shirasu* is also known as “amorphous volcanic glass”, which forms 60% to 80% of *Shirasu* and gives the plaster unique properties which distinguish it from other volcanic products.**

Being highly amorphous, its molecular composition is unstable and easily activated, and it can cause a catalytic reaction depending on the environment. Therefore, it has inherent properties such as deodorization, sterilization, and ionization.

About *Shirasu*



***The porous structure
and composition of
diverse substances***

The elements in *shirasu*

***Shirasu* has a porous structure made up of numerous holes in the extremely fine particles.**

Silicate, which is the major constituent of *shirasu*, is a powerful moisture absorber, and found in dehumidifying agents, and is the source of the superior humidity control properties of Shirasu walls.

Also, the alumina contained in *shirasu* is a natural strong gas absorber which removes odors and chemical molecules from the air by taking them into the cavities of the *shirasu* particles.

The unique features of *shirasu* are the extremely complex structure and composition, both of which cannot be created artificially. These features differentiate *shirasu* from the volcanic products of other regions.

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Shirasu Extraction Process

***Shirasu* is an eco-friendly building material**



*** *Shirasu* is already so fine that it does not require a grinding process.**



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Multi-function interior use wall plaster



Satsuma-Nakagirisima-kabe Series

Coating thickness: 5 mm

Biocera

Coating thickness: 2 . 5 mm

Biocera *light*



Multi-function interior use wall plaster

Biocera Coating thickness: 5 mm



Color variations (total of 20 colors)



Finishing patterns



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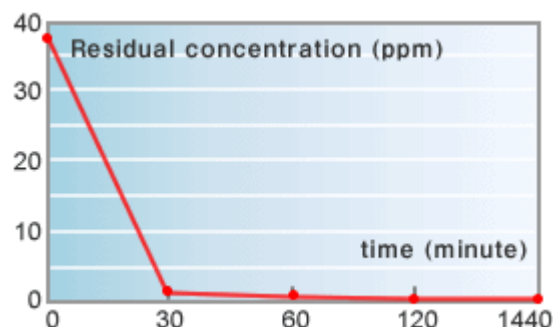
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The Characteristics of Interior Shirasu Walls

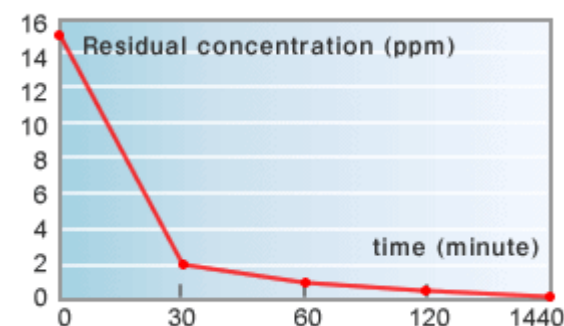
Deodorization

Deodorization performance data (residual concentration)

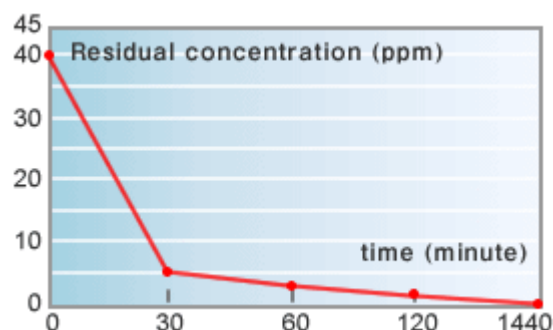
Ammonia deodorization performance
(toilets and pets)



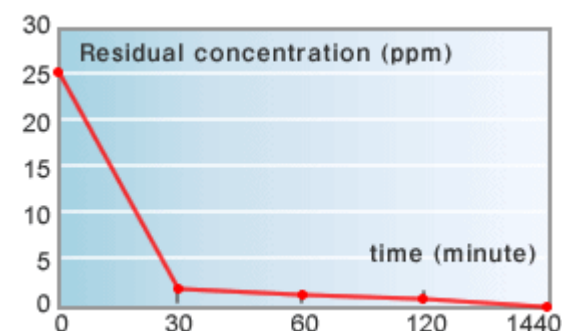
Acetaldehyde deodorization
performance (tobacco)



Formaldehyde deodorization performance
(chemical adhesives)



Methyl mercaptan deodorization
performance (pets)

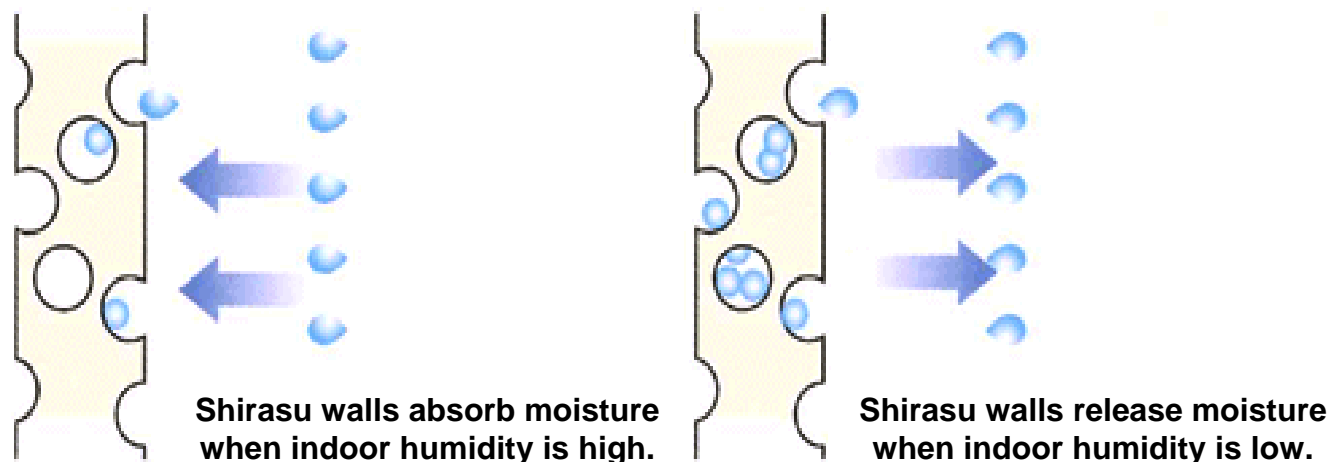


Problematic odors from pets, cigarettes, and other unpleasant smells in daily life will quickly disappear.

Unpleasant odors are banished from your home.

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Humidity Control



Formaldehyde absorption and discharge test

Indoor air remains dry, even during the rainy season. You will never have to worry about mold or dew condensation again.

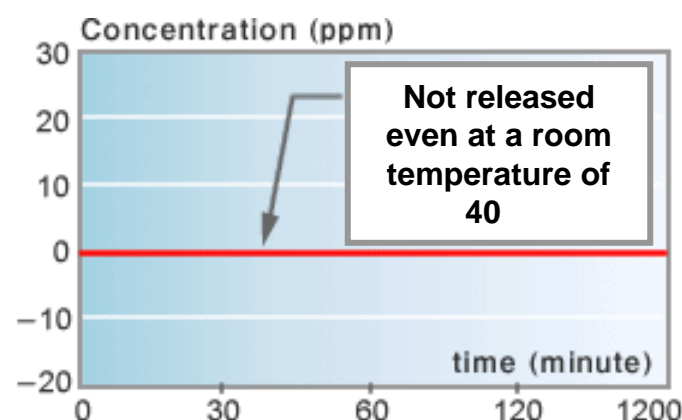
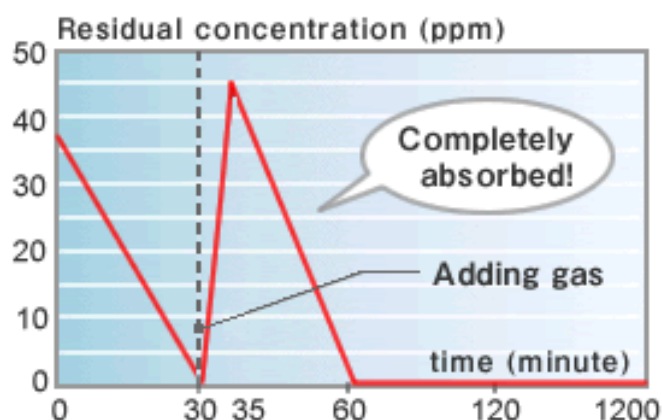
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All-Natural Materials

Shirasu is an effective material for the prevention of health hazards due to Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).



Formaldehyde absorption and discharge test



The Evidence of Historical Use



The Pantheon (Rome)

Architecture built in 128AD

It was created with volcanic ejection and the lime, which were produced in the vicinity of Naples at the time of the Roman Empire, and mixed with concrete.

It has survived without any cracks until now.

Internal diameter =43m Thickness of the walls = 6m

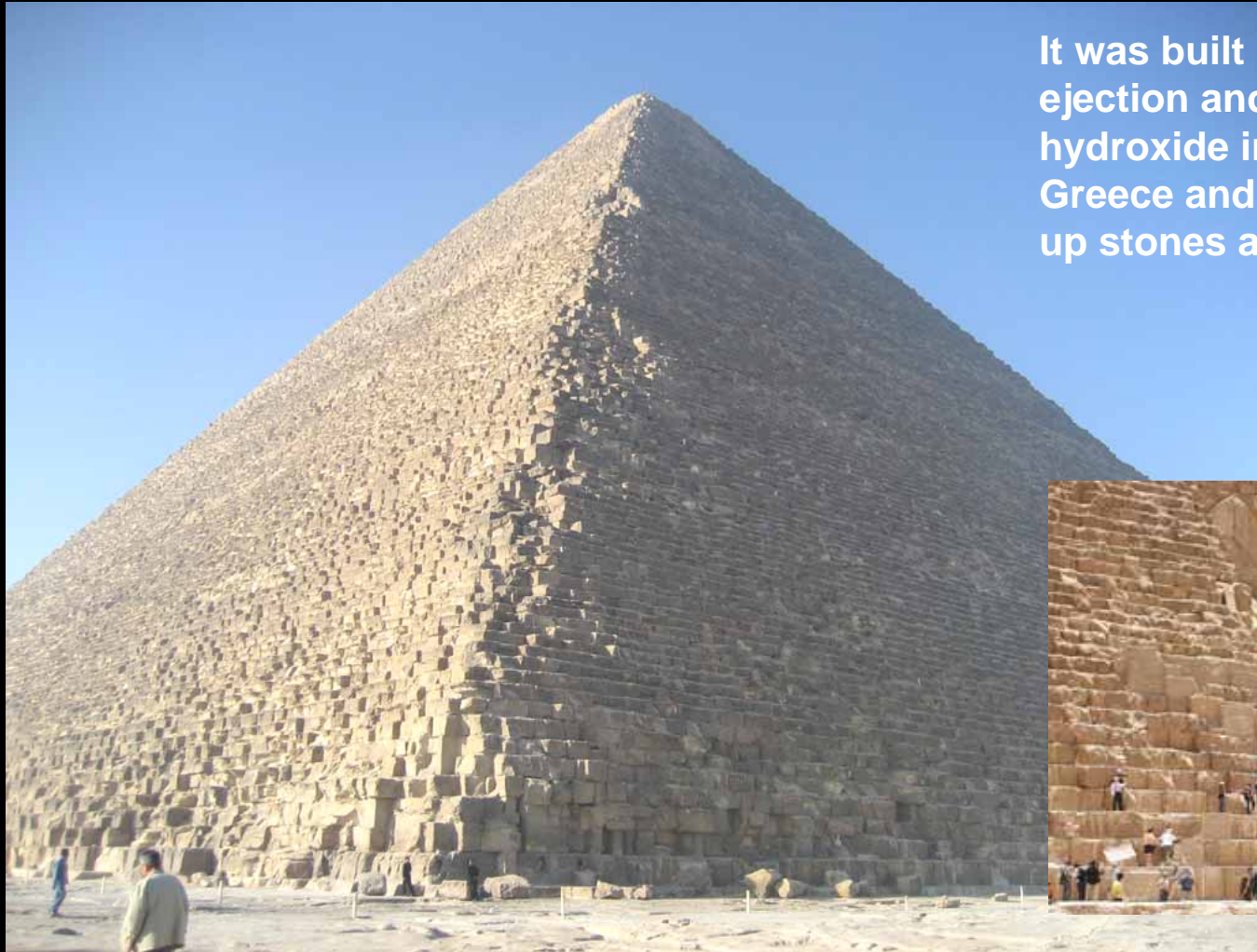
There is a skylight of 9m wide in the top part.



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The Evidence of Historical Use

Pyramid Building in Egypt



It was built by mixing volcanic ejection and sand with calcium hydroxide in the time of Ancient Greece and Rome, and by piling up stones and bricks.



The Positive Impact on Your Life - Shirasu walls

- 1 . Deodorization
- 2 . Humidity control
- 3 . Measures against sick-house syndrome
- 4 . A long Life
- 5 . Energy saving benefits
- 6 . Good Design Award winner 2003*



* as the result of constructing interior-2.33Miom²

Customers' Satisfaction

There is no tobacco odor after we smoke. And when I dry laundry indoors, there is no smell and it dries very well.

I keep a pet in my house, but I am delighted that there is no animal smell.

My biggest surprise was that the toilet was completely odorless. Next was the lack of dampness indoors during the rainy season.

People who visit our house tell us that it does not have the typical new-house smell.

I am happy there is no smell. I am also pleased that the walls are in very good condition.



Our uncompromised commitment to providing all-natural materials



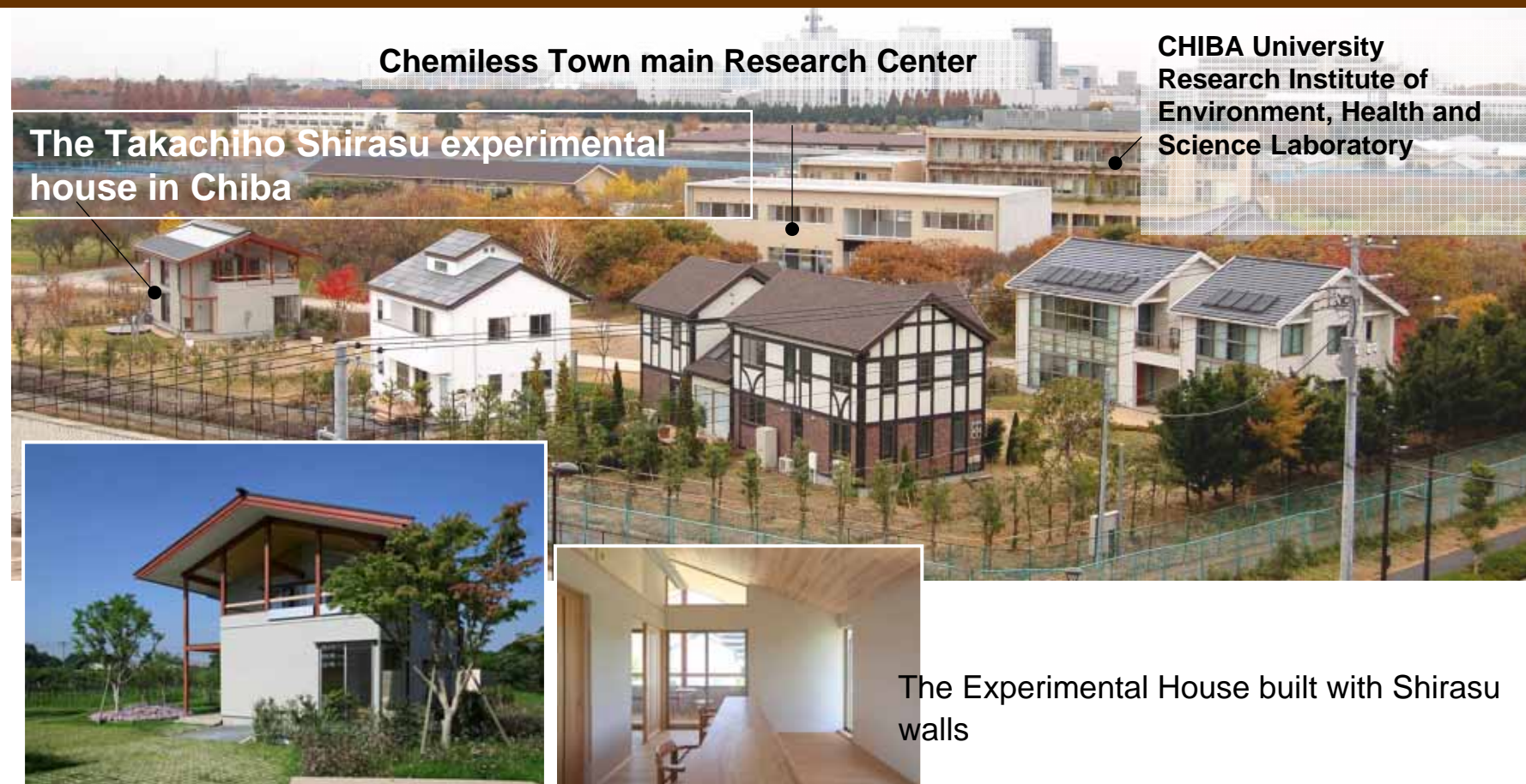
In the same way that we select organic vegetables or natural mineral water for the sake of our health, we can be conscious of the quality of air in our homes.



Takachiho Shirasu plaster is comprised of all-natural materials.

ChemilessTown[®] Project

The project's aim was to build a citizen-based town to protect children from chemical substances. We built a house that releases as few chemical substances as possible in the campus of Chiba University in order to study the effects of sick-house syndrome.



The Experimental House built with Shirasu walls

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The energy-saving hybrid house

The fusion of a natural energy and Shirasu



We developed a house which dose not release CO2 and is exteremely energy efficient, so many environmentally-conscious companies are interested.

Eco-Sky House

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries / OM

Experiment on photovoltaic power generation and solar technology.

Product used for the interior : BIOCERA



Energy Creation House

Shin-Nippon Oil Corp.

A carbon-free house with an effcient system to combine the use of fossil energy and natural energy.

Product used for the interior : BIOCERA



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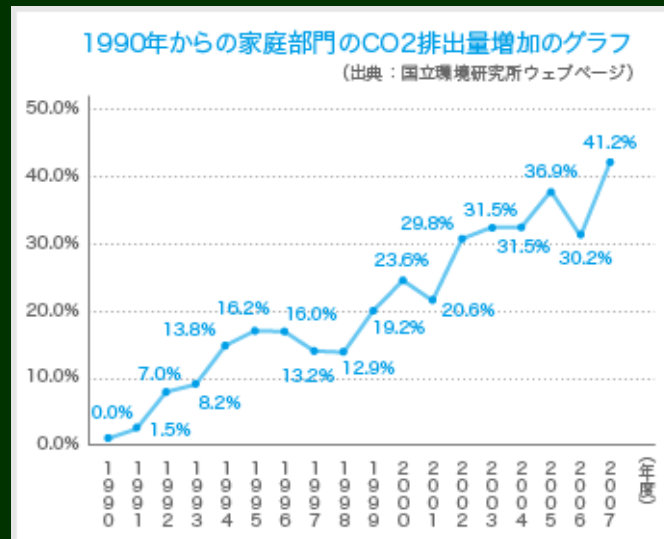


The Eco-house Model Project of the Ministry of the Environment, Japan



Takachiho was chosen to carry out a joint study for the Eco Friendly Building, a government project, because of our expertise in the field of environmentally-friendly materials.

The project is exploiting Shirasu's deodorizing effect, humidity control capacity, and ability to produce negative ions. It also uses environmentally-friendly energy resources to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide.



In 2007, Japanese households are responsible for four times more CO² emissions than 1990.



The website of the Eco-house Model Project by the Ministry of the Environment. <http://www.env.go.jp/policy/ecohouse/>



The Eco-house Model Project of the Ministry of the Environment, Japan



Project Building a natural symbiosis/symbiotic environment .
~ Live naturally ~
(Yamanashi City)



Project Building a symbiosis/symbiotic environment society for 21st century
(Kita-Kyushu City)



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Our achievements

The Museum of Natural History in Kagoshima



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Our Great Achievements

nakata.net cafe (Jingumae, Shibuya)

Our product was adopted by a temporary café built for the 2010 FIFA World Cup which Nakata produced himself.

Mr. Nakata, who was a first-class professional soccer player of Serie A in Italy, produced and opened this temporary cafe [NAKATA.net.cafe] during the 2010 World Cup. His concept of this café – [Living with Nature, eco- friendly space] perfectly matches our company policy.



Our Great Achievements

**Gunshou Kan – a hot spring hotel
(Nagano, Japan)**



A hot spring hotel (Nigata)

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Our Great Achievements



Restaurant Nadaman at the site of AICHI Expo
2005



Trattoria fermata – an Italian
Restaurant



Café & Bakery - Tokyo

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Our Great Achievements



Nursery - Tokyo



Hairdresser - Tokyo



Dental Clinic - Tokyo

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Takachiho has taken part in the bid to promote the construction of long-lasting houses for national projects



The House made with Japanese Cedar Trees for Takachiho Wall Project



Timber framework method



Building for the All-Natural Organic Material Project

Takachiho Walls Expand Abroad

National Public Facility – Korea(Kyon-Jyu)

Shirasu walls are in the Theater, Music Hall and Office.



Takachiho walls' remarkable properties are becoming well known worldwide.

- * We have acquired patents in the USA, EU, Singapore, Korea and Taiwan.**

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Takachiho Walls Expand Abroad

Che-Jyu Islands-an international resort (Korea)
~ All 213 villas used Shirasu for their interior and exterior walls.~



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Taipei International Construction Material and Indoor Decoration EXHIBITION

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Place : Taipei World Trade Center



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Shanghai International Construction Material and Indoor Decoration EXHIBITION

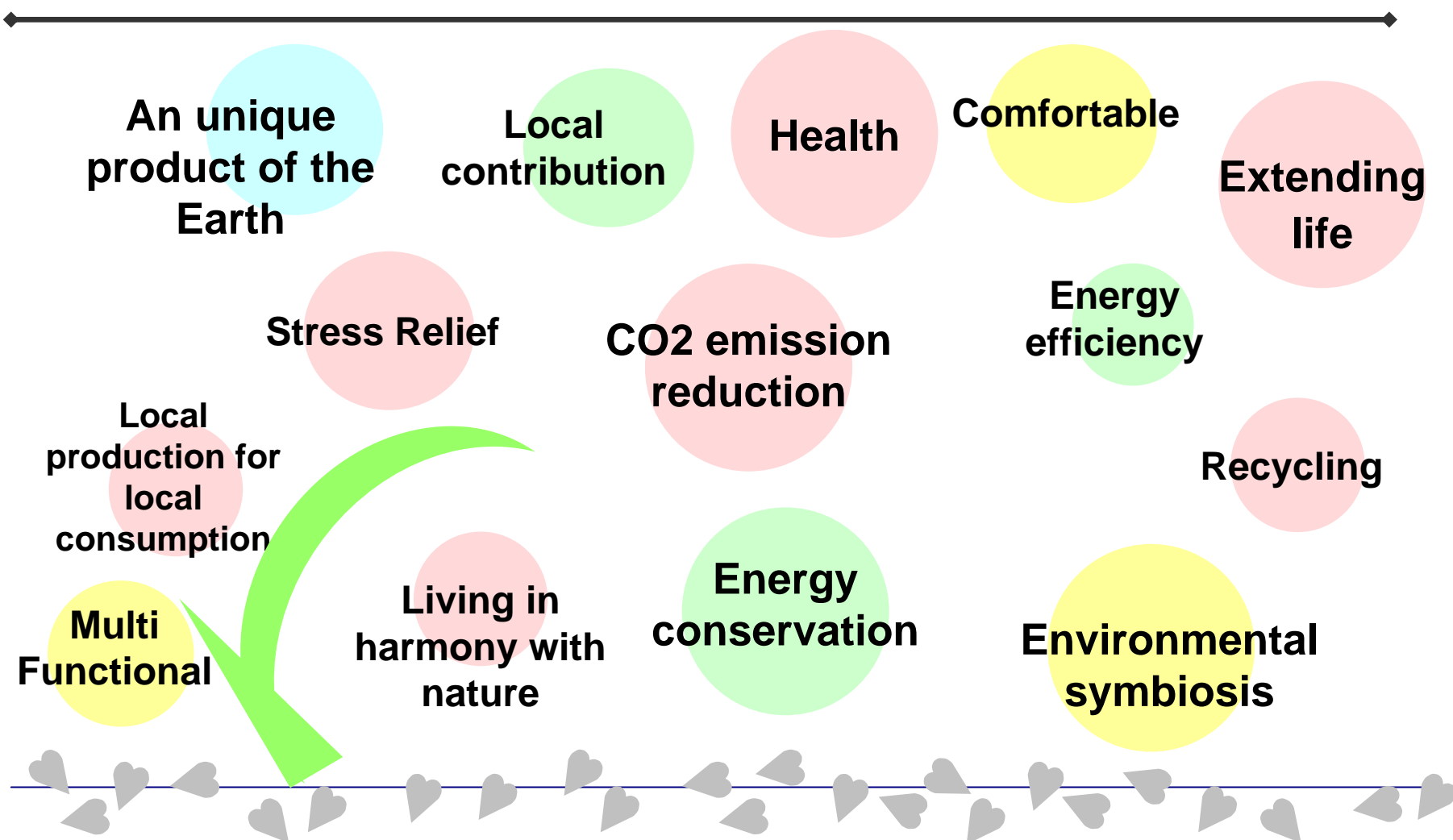
Date : 8/17 – 20, 2010

Place : Shanghai New International EXPO. Center



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The Characteristics of Shirasu



About Takachiho & Takachiho Shirasu Corporation [History]

・May 1970

Shintome Architects is established in Sumida-ku, Tokyo.

・June 1974

Company name is changed to Takachiho Home-service Corporation. Yokohama sales office opens.

・December 1976

The head office moves to Takashima, Nishi-ku, Yokohama.

・April 1999

Kyushu plant starts operations.

・April 2001

Our plant acquires ISO 9001 certification.

・June 2004

The head office moves to the Minatomirai area of Yokohama.

