

## Press Release

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **DMG MORI newly opened “SHINDO YARDS”, a composite facility for social live near Iga Campus**

DMG MORI CO., LTD. (hereinafter “DMG MORI”) has been working on the "Shindo Station Area Project" since 2018 to improve and revitalize the surrounding area of Shindo Station along the JR Kansai Main Line, the closest station to Iga Campus. As part of the project, we have newly opened “SHINDO YARDS”, a combination of educational, cultural, and administrative facilities in front of Shindo Station, and held the opening ceremony on Monday, November 6, 2023.

SHINDO YARDS contains a library and branch offices of the Iga City Government and the Kitaiseueno Shinkin Bank. The library "BOOKMARK STORAGE" is jointly operated by Iga City and DMG MORI and encourages anyone to pick up a book. The library has a collection of 20,000 books in various genres, including those relevant to DMG MORI initiatives - art, wine, marine, sports and engineering. The café on the first floor features an art gallery including artwork by Kohei Nawa and allows visitors to relax and take a break while waiting for their train. The building was designed by architect Kentaro Yamazaki. Its wooden frame is mainly built with local timber and the exterior walls are made of burnt cedar to create a landscape in harmony with nature.

In 2018, DMG MORI concluded a comprehensive agreement with Mie Prefecture to jointly involve ourselves in regional development and technical education. In 2019, we signed a cooperation agreement with Iga City and the Nishi-Tsuge Community Development Council, and have worked to improve the landscape of Shindo Station and the surrounding Nishi-Tsuge area. As part of the "Shindo Station Area Project," we established Mahoroba Farm CO., LTD. in December 2017 and acquired an abandoned site near Iga Campus for the cultivation of wine grapes in 2019. In addition, we have also been making efforts to create a safe, secure, and beautiful town by painting guardrails in colors that blend in with the surrounding landscape, planting cherry trees, and installing streetlights.

DMG MORI created SHINDO YARDS to promote the attractive culture of Iga. We are continuously striving to create an environment where residents can improve their quality of life and physical and mental health, and where children can be raised and educated in a safe and secure manner.

\*1 Mahoroba Farm website: <https://www.mahorobafarm.co.jp/> \*Japanese only



SHINDO YARDS logo



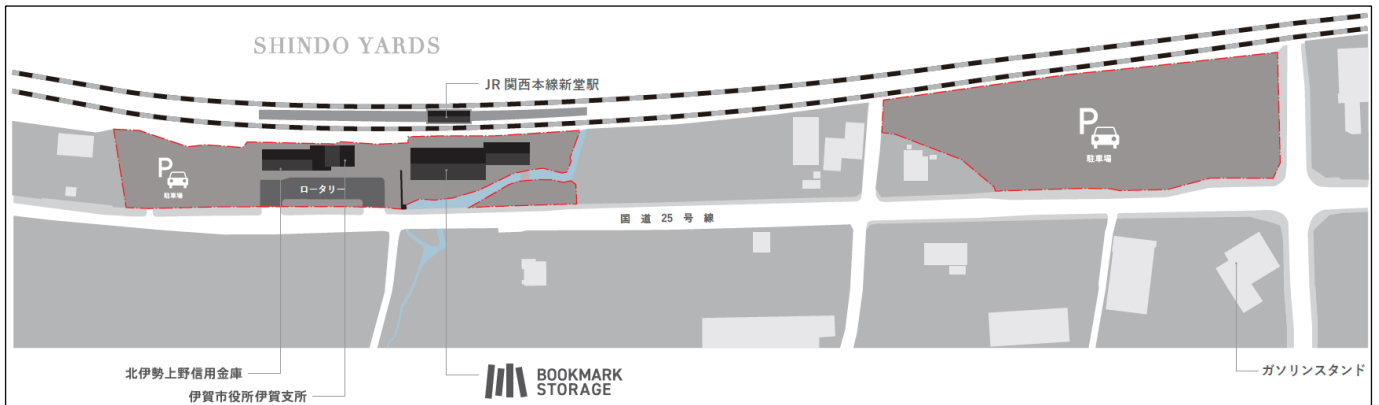
BOOKMARK STORAGE logo

## 【SHINDO YARDS】

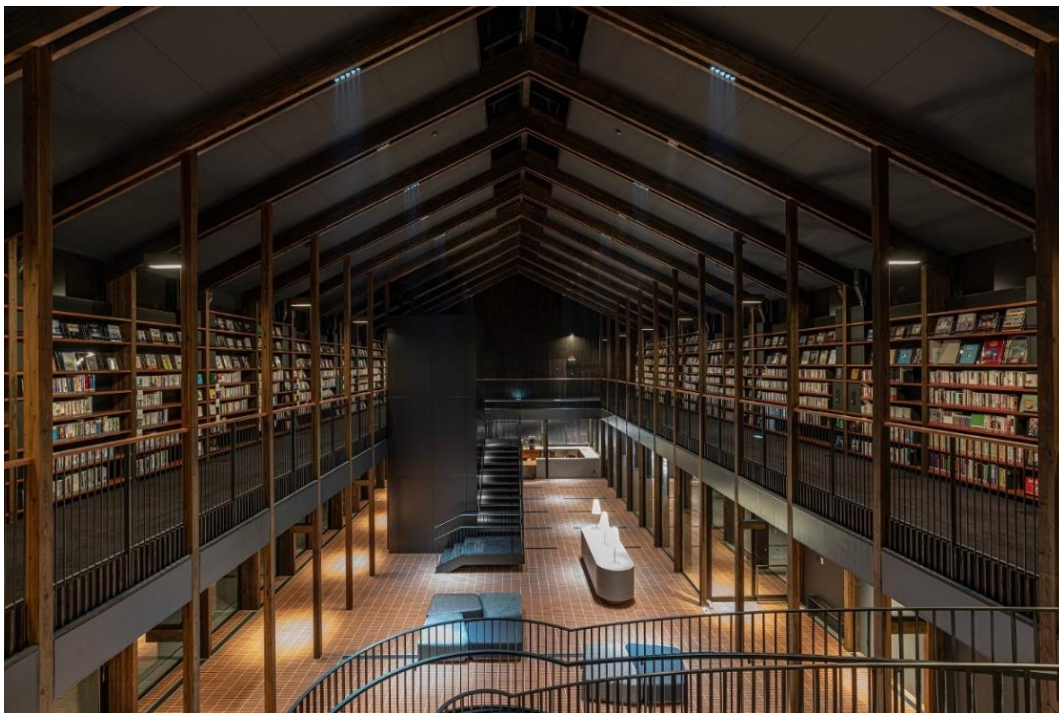
- Building area : 1,650 m<sup>2</sup> (2 two-story buildings)
- Tenants : BOOKMARK STORAGE, Iga Branch of Iga City Government,  
Kitaiseueno Shinkin Bank, etc.
- Designed by : Mr. Kentaro Yamazaki
- Representative Director, YAMAZAKI KENTARO DESIGN WORKSHOP Co., Ltd.
  - Part-time lecturer at Kogakuin University, Tokyo University of Science, Hosei University, and Waseda University
  - Jury member of the GOOD DESIGN AWARD
  - Winner of:  
GOOD DESIGN AWARD Gold  
The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) Award  
JIA Selected Architectural Designs  
iF DESIGN AWARD GOLD  
...and other domestic and international awards
  - Awarded works include:  
Itoman Gyomin Shokudo: Canteen built of Ryukyu limestone with Okinawa locals  
Hakusui Nursery School: Staircase-shaped nursery school built on a slope  
Hospice in Shinfuji: Common-type hospice like a home  
Longhouse with an Engawa: Daycare center open to all the community members

## ◆BOOKMARK STORAGE

- Address : 313-19 Shindo, Iga, Mie, Japan
- Access : 1 min. walk from South Exit of Shindo Station (JR Kansai Line),  
5 min. drive from Shimo-Tsuge IC, Meihan Expressway
- Parking lot : max. 50 cars (incl. 2 universal parking lots)
- Open hours : 9am - 10pm (Closed between Dec 29th- Jan 3rd)
- Website : <https://www.bookmarkstorage.jp/> \*Japanese only
- Operated by : Iga City Government and DMG MORI



SHINDO YARDS map (area in red)



BOOKMARK STORAGE



## SHINDO YARDS Opening Ceremony

\*Order left to right: Hattori Architects Office President Mr. Takaaki Shirano, Kitaiseueno Shinkin Bank Chief Director Mr. Kazunori Nanbu, Mayor of Iga City Mr. Okamoto Sakae, DMG MORI Vice President Hiroaki Tamai, Nishi-Tsuge Community Development Council Chairman Mr. Shigehisa Okuzawa, YAMAZAKI KENTARO DESIGN WORKSHIP Co., Ltd. Representative Director Mr. Kentaro Yamazaki, ASANUMA CORPORATION President Mr. Makoto Asanuma