

[Public Restroom Near the Akamon (provisional title)]

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1	As I am not a student in the Department of Architecture and am submitting as an individual entrant, I am hoping to consult an architect (not a member of the University) I know. Would that be against the rules ?	In accordance with the Application Guidelines, eligible entrants are limited to students or researchers of the University at the time of the deadline for submitting design proposals. In addition, the entrants should play the leading role in drafting the proposal.
2	I cannot open the file, which has the survey drawing, attached to the email confirming my registration. Could you please let me know of a free software that I can use to open the file safely, or can you convert the file into a PDF file and re-send it to me ?	The file can be opened using free CAD oriented software such as HO CAD, and JWW. These have been uploaded to the URL which provided you with the PDF file containing the survey drawing.
3	Concerning the description 'Moving the existing ramp to the Akamon side is acceptable,' as stated in the Application Guidelines, does this mean that the ramp may be moved towards the Akamon and that the current area of the ramp may be made level so that it offers direct access to the restroom ?	Your understanding is correct.
4	Should the PDF data to be uploaded as the final submission show only plans produced using CAD oriented software ? (Can I include hand-drawn plans ?)	As long as the plans are saved as a PDF file when submitting, the method used for producing the drawing is not questioned.
5	How precise should the measurements given in the PDF data for submission be ? My PC cannot read DXF files. It is more convenient for me to draw complex shapes such as toilets by hand rather than using CAD. Can I, therefore, save hand-drawn plans as a PDF file for submission ?	You should state the required measurements so that the plans clearly illustrate the intentions of the proposed design. See answer to question number 4.

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6	<p>The architectural conditions specify two toilet compartments. If the condition requiring two wheelchair-accessible toilet compartments (and at least one of them has ostomate facilities installed) is met, would it be acceptable under the conditions to build additional compartments other than these two toilet compartments ?</p>	<p>Your understanding is correct.</p>
7	<p>The guidelines specify that the floor level of the public restroom should be assumed to be the same as that of the wood deck attached to the Communication Center. Assuming that the floor level of the wheelchair-accessible restrooms should be the same as that of the wood deck, if I was to build another compartment, is it correct to assume that this floor level does not need to be at the same level as that of the wood deck?</p> <p>It also specifies that overhanging eaves of a cantilever structure from the designated site boundary are acceptable. Is it possible for the overhang of a diagonal brace supporting the eaves to extend beyond the designated site boundary? Is it possible to build a structure, such as a wood deck, which would create traffic lines for people using the restroom, outside the boundary of the 25 m<sup>2</sup> site ?</p>	<p>As long as the expected users are able to safely access to restrooms with no difficulty, the floor level does not necessarily need to be at the same level as that of the wood deck.</p> <p>Regarding other compartments, it is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
8	<p>Regarding the facilities inside the restroom, is it possible to submit a design proposal that appoints a specific company to supply toilet seats and other units ?</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>

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9	Regarding water supply and drainage, does the water and sewage plumbing definitely need to be used ? (One possible design is to install a circulation-type self-treating system, which avoids constant use of water and sewage plumbing.)	This is left to the entrant's discretion.
10	To what extent is it possible to propose resurfacing the pavement surrounding the designated site ?	<p>In accordance with the Application Guidelines, the extent of the proposal that is possible in the area outside the designated site is as shown below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overhanging eaves of a cantilever structure from the designated site boundary are acceptable, thereby avoiding installation of posts in the ground outside the designated site boundary.</li> <li>• Moving the existing ramp to the Akamon side is acceptable, but no other structures should in principle be relocated.</li> <li>• Proposals for lighting schemes for the area outside the site boundary are acceptable.</li> </ul>
11	How are the existing restrooms and ginkgo nuts that fall in the surrounding area currently cleaned? Is it correct to assume that a storage or something similar for storing cleaning tools is not required ?	<p>Cleaning and other work for the restrooms are outsourced.</p> <p>Regarding storage spaces, they are left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
12	Is it possible to submit a proposal for renovating the wall erected along Hongō-Dōri on the west side of the site ?	See answer to question number 10.
13	Is it possible to submit a proposal for shifting the location of the designated site 1.4 m toward the west side, thereby aligning it with the façade line of the Communication Center ?	You can make any proposal provided they are inside the designated site but moving the location of the designated site is not acceptable.

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14	Extent of submission: Would it be permitted to submit more than a single sheet of DIN A3 ?	In accordance with the Application Guidelines, the submission must be on one single-side A3 sheet.
15	Layout: What is the orientation of the DIN A3 - landscape or portrait ?	The orientation of the paper is the decision of the entrant.
16	Design: May the designated site area be moved by a meter or two? Is it possible to reduce the size of the wooden deck to allow for more free space around the restroom facilities ?	Regarding the designated site, see answer to question number 13. Regarding the area outside the designated site boundary, see answer to question number 10.
17	Building Equipment: Should the design proposals disregard any non-architectural functions such as HVAC/electrical ?	This is left to the entrant's discretion.
18	Please explain: p.2, "Moving the existing ramp to the Akamon side is acceptable..." The ramp leads to the wooden deck. If the ramp is moved, would that imply that the pavement level should be elevated to the extent of the wooden deck ?	Your understanding is correct.
19	May the design proposal include the adjacent free areas as part of the concept and suggest a landscaping solution for those ?	See answer to question number 10.
20	According to the design brief: "Floor level of public restroom should be assumed to be the same as that of the wood deck attached to the Communication Center." Could the wooden deck be considered as the level of access, and the actual level of the restroom space be decided by the design team ?	See answer to question number 7.
21	Should the design proposal consider a budget frame for the realisation and maintenance of the project ?	This is left to the entrant's discretion.

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22	<p>What does "Two toilet compartments" imply ?</p> <p>Is it to be understood as two toilet units ?</p> <p>Please confirm that the design brief does not require to distinguish between male and female compartments.</p>	<p>Two independent compartments for wheelchair-accessible toilets should be proposed.</p> <p>Regarding the distinction between male and female compartments, your understanding is correct.</p>
23	<p>"The copyright of the design proposal remains the property of the entrant; however, rights to announcements and publicity of the design proposal are held by the organizer." Could aspects of the design proposal be included in scientific publications by the authors ?</p>	<p>After the competition results are announced, entrants will be free to announce and publicize their own design proposals.</p>
24	<p>How many men and women are able to use the facility at the same time ?</p> <p>How many compartments are for men and how many for women ?</p> <p>Are only two compartments needed ?</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
25	<p>Provided it is for a user only does the man compartment need an extra urinal inside ?</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
26	<p>Can the facility have sinks accessible at all times or they should be inside the compartments ?</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
27	<p>Can the main toilet room be open to the environment ?</p> <p>For example, if no windows or doors are used in some places natural ventilation can occur.</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>
28	<p>Is it possible to use transparent windows overlooking at exterior locations ?</p>	<p>This is left to the entrant's discretion.</p>

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29	Is there any limit on the height of the building in regard to the neighbouring Akamon or Communication Center ?	This is left to the entrant's discretion. However, the Ordinance states a height restriction of less than 22 m.
30	Is the wooden deck between the new building site and the Communication Center going to be preserved as a flooring type after construction or it will be changed to other material ?	There are no plans to change the finish of the wood deck to other materials after completion of construction work.
31	It is specified that overhanging eaves of a cantilever structure are acceptable. Is it possible for the overhang of a diagonal brace supporting the eaves to extend beyond the designated site boundary ?	Yes, such a suggestion is possible. However, the diagonal brace must not be installed to the ground outside the designated site boundary.
32	Is it possible to build a structure, such as a wood deck, which would create traffic lines for people using the restroom, outside the boundary of the 25 m <sup>2</sup> site ?	See answer to question number 10.