



# Public-private Town Planning by the Local Community and Citizens

Urban development project making use of local resources around Hyugashi Station

**PROJECT ENTITY:** City of Hyuga, Miyazaki Prefecture, JR KYUSHU RAILWAY COMPANY, Hyuga Urban Core Revitalization Council, Hyuga Urban Core Event Coordination Council  
**LOCATION:** Hyuga, Miyazaki

## “ Background and progress

This 50.6-hectare project area surrounds Hyugashi Station on the JR Nippo Main Line in the center of Hyuga, Miyazaki. Population in the city's central areas had fallen significantly and shops were closing due to suburbanization, leading to the general decline of the urban core. In this context, Miyazaki Prefecture, Hyuga City, JR Kyushu Railway Company, and local residents

have collaborated to revitalize the central area and create a sustainable compact city. They pursued land re-adjustment, grade separation of the rail line, construction of community center facilities, and new infrastructure for commercial activity. In addition to these four projects, various citizen-driven activities are pursued under the banner of “the city as a stage for residents.”

## About the project

Locally harvested cedar trees were used in the construction of the elevated station building to create a symbol of the city's local character. The structural columns were spaced out to create a multi-purpose space underneath the tracks. A park and outdoor stage were also created on the west side of the building, resulting in a high-quality public space connected to the station where local citizens hold various events on weekends. Land re-adjustment enabled the city to construct arterial roads in the area around the station, as well as the consolidate land within the entire dis-

trict. With this, they created space for alleys and a parking lot, thereby improving visitor convenience and the appeal of the commercial district. During the planning process, a conference of urban design experts was established to ensure a consistent, uniform design, and incorporate the opinions of users gathered through various conference discussions. In addition, extra-curricular classes for elementary, middle, and high school students were staged as a way of educating the next generation of leaders about town planning.



Compact city planning focused on the station and plaza area



The park has become a place for local residents to relax



Town planning class for high school students



The outdoor stage is built from plentiful local cedar



New retail stores facing the street revitalized the area



Private development, including apartments, followed the reconstruction of the station and plaza