

The Hagi Urugami Museum was founded by Hagi-born entrepreneur Urugami Toshiro (1926– ) to preserve and share his extensive collection of *ukiyo-e* prints and East Asian ceramics with the public. The museum comprises two buildings: the original museum built in 1996, and the new Pottery Annex built in 2010. The main building was designed by Kenzo Tange (1913–2005), an internationally famous Japanese architect known for designing the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Olympic arenas for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. The Pottery Annex was built to provide a space devoted to ceramic art from Hagi and the surrounding area.