

A Guide to City Hall Plaza – *Aore* Nagaoka



City Hall Plaza – *Aore Nagaoka*, consisting of the city Office, Arena, the Roofed Open Plaza (*Nakadoma*), and many other facilities, provide various spaces for citizens to come together. This unique layout is the first of its kind in Japan.

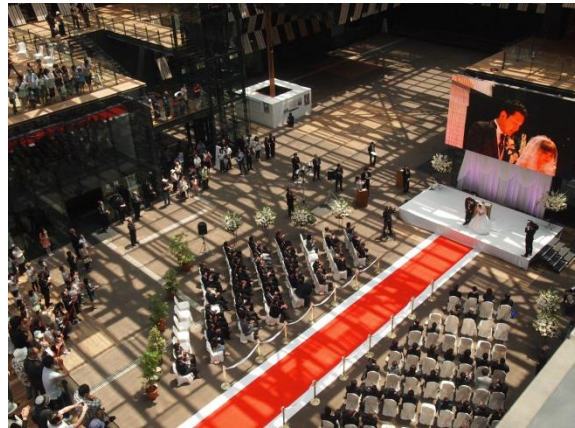
Aore Nagaoka opened on April 1st, 2012.

Hours : 8:00a.m. — 10:00p.m. (except for administrative offices)

The *Nakadoma* is open 24 hours.

Closed : December 29 — January 3

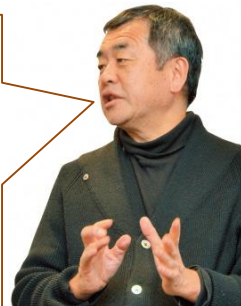
Underground Parking : ¥100 for 30 minutes



With *Nakadoma* (a roofed open plaza) situated at the center of an expansive glass-walled space, natural light pours in from the ceiling. Visitors can feel the openness of the structure.



When I encountered the city's policy that emphasizes that the functions of the City Office should be merged into citizens' activities, I wanted to solidify this philosophy in an architectural expression. Symbolizing collaboration between the administrative and civic sectors, I used many wooden panels to create check patterns on the walls. I was really surprised to find out that similar check patterns were also used in Nagaoka Castle. What a coincidence! The wooden materials, some of which have knots and bark on their surfaces, create a warm atmosphere that welcomes everyone to this complex. I believe the tradition of welcoming ordinary citizens to Nagaoka Castle has helped this construction project to be a great success.



Mr. Kengo Kuma
The architect who designed *Aore Nagaoka*.

1st Floor



3rd Floor

