

Kyoto Oike underground shopping center - "Zesto Oike"



The Kyoto Oike Underground Shopping Center is located under Oike Street with an overall length of 315m. The underground space created by construction of Kyoto Municipal Subway Tozai Line was utilized to integrate Shiyakusyo-Mae Station with the underground parking lot, and the aboveground structure was built as a part of Oike Street Symbol Road development project. The appeal of Kyoto is shown by highlighting or uniting differences between tradition and advancement which are contrasting concepts of the "Identity of Kyoto" . Soft light, simple design and expression by a softened color allow shops and people to play the leading part in this underground area. However, natural light does not stream due to lack of center dividers.

This is because a stand space needs to be reserved at the both sides on Oike Street for Gion festival (Yamaboko = parade of decorated floats), which is held around the Kyoto City municipal office. Therefore, a curved face luminous ceiling that is associated with bright paper screen is arranged at the Kawahara / Shiyakusyo-mae park. For Miyuki-machi / Tera-machi Park, a loft space was arranged to offer warmth and tenderness like sunbeams streaming through leaves have. The designs of floor and ceiling were varied to create a bright, enjoyable, and open underground passageway.

Ordering party : Kyoto Oike Chikagai Co., Ltd.

Location : Kyoto City

Project summary :

- Total floor area: about 32,500m²
- Underground shopping center : 17,000m²
- Parking capacity : 273 cars
- Passageway : Width : 6 m, Overall length : 315 m

Completion : 1997