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**Utilizing advanced wood technologies that turn wood into a science
Project Included in Wood Architecture and
Construction Technology Guidance Program
of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) announced that its “Spa Village Horikawa—Horikawa Therapeutic Spring (*Iyashi-no-Yu*)—” project was selected to be a part of the 2013 Wood Architecture and Construction Technology Guidance Program^{*1}, promoted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). Sumitomo Forestry is handling the architectural design and construction for Spa Village Horikawa. MOCCA (Wood Use Integration) Department, which promotes the company’s Mocca Project^{*2}, will handle the design and construction of Spa Village Horikawa and the Tsukuba Research Institute is responsible for developing necessary technologies. This is the fifth project selected for the MLIT program. Previous projects were chosen for inclusion in 2010 and 2012.

The goal of the Wood Architecture and Construction Technology Guidance Program is to contribute to the achievement of a low-carbon society by developing building structures that use a large proportion of wood building materials, which are a renewable and recyclable resource. In particular, the program grants subsidies to cover a portion of the cost for large-scale wood structures that utilize pioneer design and construction technologies for the building structure and fire prevention. Spa Village Horikawa was selected as a result of highly appraisal for its effectiveness in promoting the integration of wood building materials in structures.

Utilizing advanced wood technologies, including those being implemented at the project selected for the MLIT program, Sumitomo Forestry plans to promote the use of wood in residential and nonresidential construction because it is safe and secure, and gentle on the environment and humans.

*1 Revised name for the previous project launched in 2010 which promoted the use of wood in urban development (Ki-no-machi seibi sokushin jigyo)

*2 Comprehensive name for the various projects the group is carrying out to promote the use of wood resources via the development of wood structures and structures using wood building materials

Employed in the following project

Spa Village Horikawa—Horikawa Therapeutic Spring (*Iyashi-no-Yu*)—

- Private residential elderly care facilities
- Day care center for the elderly

Features

- 14 meter wide span framework using a parallel chord truss for the party (shared) wall
- Achieved a light-weight and simplified fire-resistant external wall
- Employs laminated engineered fire-resistant wood made from Japanese cedar (*cryptomeria japonica*), which has been injected with a flame retardant agent