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### 1. Main Research Topics

This laboratory focuses on architectural design (planning and design). SASAKI Sho serves simultaneously as a faculty member of this university, the principal of the architectural design office INTERMEDIA, and the representative of the regional hub facility Mio. Through these roles, he actively engages in professional practice in real time. The laboratory is characterized by sharing this practical knowledge and experience with students, encouraging them to think through various challenges together and work collaboratively toward solutions. In particular, by deeply exploring the unique local context of Nagasaki, the laboratory seeks to envision new possibilities for architecture and regional development in the future.

Examples of key perspectives include the following:

- To consider the nature of architecture and regional communities based on Nagasaki’s unique history, climate, culture, and present conditions
- To explore what architecture can contribute to regions like Nagasaki that face challenges such as population decline, aging society, and depopulation
- To recognize the potential for architecture and communities unique to Nagasaki to emerge as context-specific solutions
- To recognize the potential for such architecture and communities to become generalizable models applicable to other regions in Japan and around the world
- While the design office INTERMEDIA, led by SASAKI Sho, has already begun engaging with various regional challenges, this laboratory aims to broaden that engagement beyond professional practice by working with students from a research-oriented perspective

### Specific Research Activities

- ① Research on Regional Hub Facilities
- ② JR Michinoo Station Revitalization Project
- ③ Former Ryotei (Traditional Restaurant) Restoration Project



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JR Michinoo Station Revitalization Project

### 2. Keywords

Architecture, design, urban planning, vacant houses, vacant shops, historical buildings, renovation, community, depopulation, declining birthrate and aging population, local community

### 3. Remarks and Websites

I have been involved in numerous projects as an architect, focusing on the renovation and adaptive reuse of vacant houses and unused commercial properties. At Mio in Shimabara, I am engaged not only as a designer but also as an operator responsible for the facility’s management and ongoing activities. With the establishment of this laboratory, it will become possible to engage with local communities in more diverse ways across different regions. As regional challenges such as population decline, aging societies, increasing vacant properties, and the weakening of community ties continue to progress throughout Japan, we hope that students will participate proactively as active stakeholders—recognizing themselves as part of the communities they study and support.

### Reference Projects

**HOGET** <https://hoget.jp/> **Mio** <https://mio-shimabara.com/>

**JR Michinoo Station** <https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000005.000126742.html>

**researchmap** : <https://researchmap.jp/sasakisho>

**HP:** <https://www.intermedia-co.jp/>