

TOKYO's ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM 1945-1980

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The end of the World War II, which was heralded by the surrender of Japan on 2nd September 1945, left Tokyo and other major Japanese cities in ruins. With the cities in rubbles, the industrial and economic structures on their knees, and a society profoundly shaken by the defeat in war and the humiliation of the surrender, Japan languished for several years. In the following decades Japan embarked in an impressive process of national growth thanks to ambitious programs of infrastructure and industrial development which turned the country in a laboratory of original and influential ideas in architecture and design. The lecture will outline the key Japanese architects, projects and concepts in the architectural and urban context of Japan, and their contribution to the international cultural debate between 1945-1980.



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