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What is Japanese about modern architecture in Japan?



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Architecture provides a powerful reflection of society. When Japan opened its doors to the modern West 150 years ago, along with everything else, its architecture began to change dramatically. Japanese architects were forced to ask, 'What should modern Japanese architecture look like?' Since then, many intriguing answers have been given to that question. In this lecture, we follow some of the surprising twists and turns that have brought us to the present, and offer some thoughts about the current direction of Japanese architecture.

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