



Annupuri Kominka

A 140-year-old farmhouse, reborn in the mountains of Niseko

NISEKO, HOKKAIDO · 300 SQM · PRIVATE RESIDENCE · KARL BENGTS ASSOCIATES

THE STORY

Where it began

In the mountains of Niigata National Park, a traditional Japanese farmhouse had stood for over 140 years. Built during the Meiji era using techniques passed down through generations of master carpenters, it had weathered more than a century of deep mountain winters — its heavy timber frame, hand-cut joinery and earthen floors intact and irreplaceable.

When our client came to us, they had a clear vision: a private residence in Niseko — Japan's premier ski destination — that felt genuinely rooted in Japanese history rather than merely inspired by it. Not a modern building with a Japanese aesthetic. The real thing. We found them the real thing.

BEFORE — NIIGATA NATIONAL PARK



The farmhouse as it stood in Niigata National Park, c.1880s, prior to dismantling.

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THE PROCESS

Taken apart. Put back together.

Relocating a heritage structure of this age and complexity is vanishingly rare. Every beam, bracket and hand-cut joint was catalogued, assessed, and either carefully restored or precisely replicated where time had taken its toll. The structure was then transported over 800km north to its new home at the foot of the Anupuri mountain range in Niseko, Hokkaido.

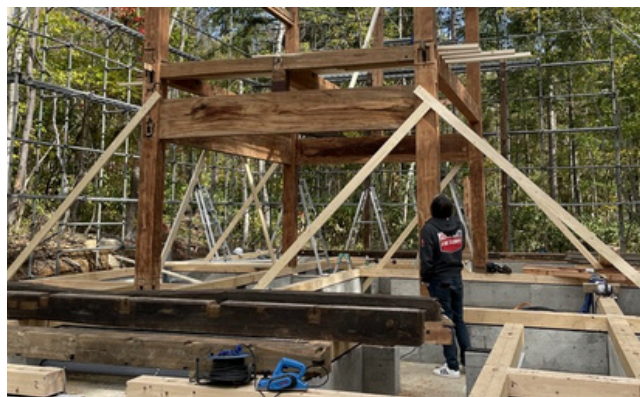
DISMANTLING



The farmhouse dismantled piece by piece — every timber catalogued for restoration.



CONSTRUCTION — NISEKO



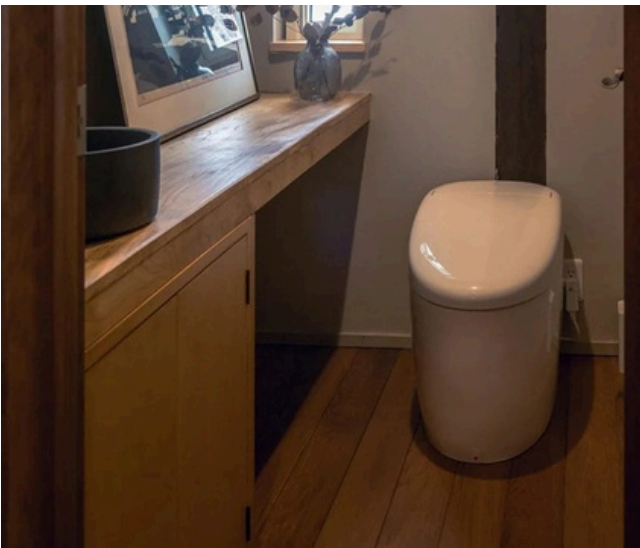
The frame rebuilt in Niseko — re-engineered to full modern building code specification.

THE RESULT

140 years old. Entirely new.

The result is a 300sqm private residence that is, at once, a piece of living Japanese history and a fully contemporary home. Designed by Karl Bengs Associates and realised by Heritage Homes' master carpenters, the Annupuri Kominka sits at the foot of the mountain — ready for the next hundred years.





AT A GLANCE

Location	Annupuri, Niseko, Hokkaido
Original site	Niigata National Park
Year built	c. 1880s (Meiji era)
Floor area	300 sqm
Project type	Private residence
Architect	Karl Bengs Associates
Scope	Sourcing · acquisition · dismantling · full restoration · relocation · rebuild · fit-out
Project value	Available on request
Completion	2023

WHAT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

Heritage Homes Japan is one of the only firms in Japan with the licences, the master carpenters and the end-to-end track record to undertake a project of this kind — from sourcing a structure in a remote national park to handing over a finished residence in a world-class resort. We are a fully licensed architectural firm, contractor, real estate agent and registered project manager, insured and regulated by the Construction Managers Association of Japan (CMAJ).

INTERESTED IN A PROJECT LIKE THIS?

Projects of this scale typically range from ¥100M to ¥300M.

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