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## [Spatial structures as architectures for human beings]

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<http://space.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp>

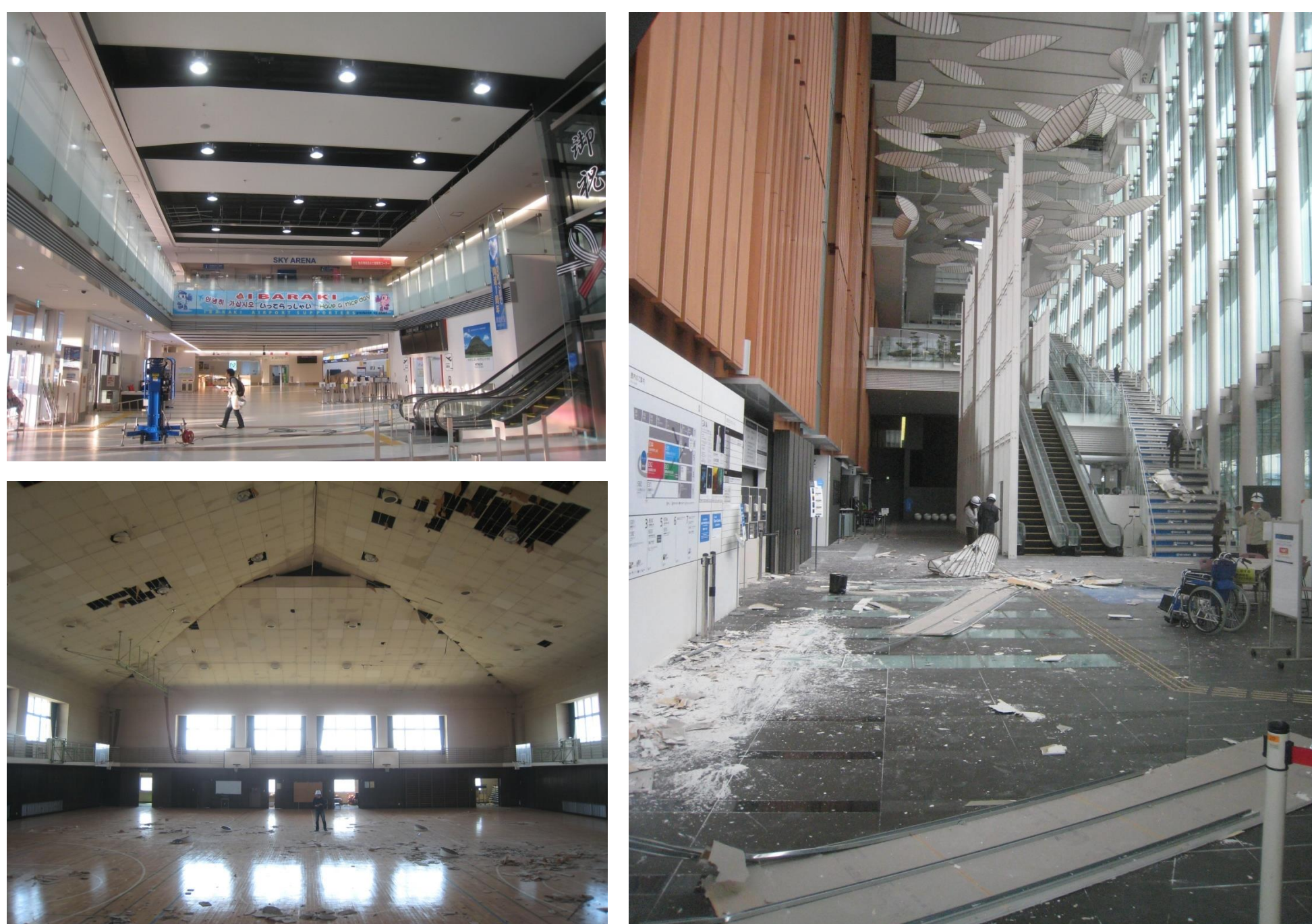
**Building Structure, Spatial Structure**

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## Safety of Large Roof Buildings

Ceilings in large roof buildings such as gymnasiums and halls tend to be high and large. In the buildings, however, falling of ceiling panels and lighting equipment have often occurred irrespective of earthquakes. If once small damage to the ceiling was found, the buildings cannot serve as shelters which are frequently requested functions during disasters.

During the main and after shocks of the East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, failures of non-structural components had occurred in many large roof buildings. Harming people due to the falling of ceiling panels had occurred as well. We have been investigating the safety of large roof buildings and developing the method to prevent the falling of ceilings.



Failure of ceiling systems during the East Japan Earthquake



City of Fujimi  
<http://www.city.fujimi.saitama.jp/40shisei/04gyouseizaisei/shingikai/files/tyousa-siryou4-2.pdf> (Apr. 15, 2014)

Roof collapse due to the heavy snowfall on Feb. 14, 2014

## Structural Performance of Buildings

We have been researching and developing various buildings which practically use advantages of spatial structure.



Safety assessment of ceilings by dropping experiments

Ceiling reinforcement using cable

