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I have collaborated with Mr. Peter Walker, the landscape architect, three times in my architectural projects. The landscape design that Mr. Walker created for these projects has brought the greatest satisfaction not only to the clients, but to myself as well. His works have also become established in their respective environmental settings in diverse parts of Japan, and are loved and cherished by many.

The work he designed at Makuhari Technical Center of IBM Japan is a garden for an office building located in a newly developed city. The garden is situated in front of a large-scale office building, and has provided a comfortable space for relaxation for the people who work in the office. At the same time, Mr. Walker has incorporated a number of systems that are essential to the urban design into his landscape design, and has created a unique way for integrating architecture into an urban setting.

Another work he designed at the Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art (MIMOCA) in Marugame City is located between the museum and a railway station, around which a redevelopment project is currently in progress. With his landscape design, Mr. Walker has successfully integrated the plaza in front of the station with the museum while resolving complex issues for organizing traffic. The plaza has been transformed into a beautiful public space that serves as the core of the redevelopment project.

Still another work by Mr. Walker can be found at the Toyota Municipal Museum of Art. Here, he developed a park for the activities of the community, around the new museum developed by the City of Toyota. An elementary school was once located on the site, and adjacent is the restored traditional architecture of a Japanese castle. For this project, Mr. Walker has created a new type of museum park, while paying full respect to the natural environment and the traditional scenery that is inherent to the site.

Various works by Mr. Walker, including the garden integrated into an urban design, the plaza that serves as the core of a redevelopment project and the new park that enhances the traditional scenery, represent superb accomplishments in landscape design. They are also astonishing works of art that are closely linked with the environment in which they are set.

The excellent reputation of Mr. Walker's design simply reflects his outstanding talent, many years of experience and devotion. Among the outstanding contributions of Mr. Walker are the influence he has had on Japanese landscape architects through his remarkable works, and the enlightenment he has given to many landscape architects of the future through his lectures and writings.

For above reasons, I strongly endorse Mr. Peter Walker as a person who is indeed worthy as a recipient of the ASLA Medal, the highest honor for a landscape architect whose lifetime achievement and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment.

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