



## **SHINOBU HOMMA** ARCHITECT AIBC, AAA, MRAIC

Principal

Shinobu Homma is BTA's Technical Principal and oversees the design development, building envelope and construction documentation of BTA's projects. Shinobu grew up in the Niigata Prefecture in Japan, in a house with traditional Japanese joinery, and received his Bachelor of Technology in Architecture degree at the Tokyo University of Science before immigrating to Canada in the early 1980's.

With endless energy, Shinobu has been contributing to the success of the firm for more than 25 years. Shinobu is a respected mentor for BTA's next generation of designers and has more than 35 years of professional experience in Canada, USA, and Japan. His expertise in fine detailing springs from his extensive technical knowledge and design sensitivity. As a result, he holds responsibility in the office for ensuring the quality and integrity of building detailing for BTA's projects. Outside of the office, Shinobu is also a passionate and well known volunteer in the community and was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013 for his service, achievements and contributions to Canada.

Shinobu's technical expertise is visible in the construction details of almost all of BTA's projects starting with the Chan Centre for Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia, the Pacific-Canada Pavilion at the Vancouver Aquarium, and Surrey Central City, through to more recent projects such as the Arena Stage Theatre in Washington DC and the City Central Library and Guildford Aquatic Centre in Surrey. "Architecture should be like ballet," Shinobu notes, "where you cannot see the sweat and other signs of effort - only beauty and simplicity."

**Education** Technology of Architecture Degree, Tokyo University of Science

**Project Experience** SFU Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering Building, Surrey, BC  
 MacEwan Centre for Arts and Culture, Edmonton, AB  
 University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
 Woodridge Neighbourhood Library, Washington, DC  
 Guildford Aquatic Centre, Surrey  
 Aberdeen Square, Richmond, BC  
 SAIT Polytechnic Parkade, Calgary  
 Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, Washington DC  
 Tarrant County College Trinity River East Campus, Fort Worth, Texas  
 Sunset Community Centre, Vancouver  
 City Centre Library, Surrey  
 Central City/SFU Surrey  
 Chan centre for the Performing Arts, Vancouver, BC  
 Aberdeen Centre, Richmond