

ISE FENIX PROJECT

INTERNATIONAL URBAN DESIGN & BUILD WORKSHOP NETWORKING & UPCYCLING

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ISE FENIX PROJECT is an international urban design and build workshop that brings together students and professionals not only from the Czech Republic, Holland and Japan to envision a more sustainable, walkable, and resilient future for Ise city.

About the Project

The ISE FENIX PROJECT is connected to Japan's unique tradition of Shikinen Sengu – the rebuilding of Ise shrine every 20 years since 690 CE, an inspiring example of sustainable practices. As the shrines undergo their 63rd rebuilding (completing in 2033), we are working alongside the local community to reimagine Ise city's rebirth as well.

While the Naiku and Geku shrine areas attract many tourists, Ise's central districts – Kawasaki, Ujiyamada, Geku, and Furuichi – receive less attention. Through small urban interventions based on the Urban Acupuncture method, we aim to transform these overlooked areas into vibrant, people-centered spaces.

Building on Vol.1 Success

In March 2025, our first workshop brought together 15 students from 6 countries who developed comprehensive strategies addressing climate adaptation, walkability, public space quality, heritage preservation, and community engagement. Teams created both immediate tactical interventions and long-term visions, presenting their proposals directly to local citizens and municipal representatives.

What Vol.2 Offers

In 2026 workshop takes the next step: from design to action. Participants will design and build actual urban furniture for Ise Kaido and Seta River, work with A°D°A Virtual Futurologist AI-powered software, experience Japanese culture through food, shrine visits or tea ceremonies, collaborate in international teams, and present work to Ise Municipality and local people during a public POP-UP event.

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