## 00. Merits of Steel Structures

# Steel products possess the following essential properties required of construction materials.

- High toughness
  High workability
  - Highly stable quality
- Steel structures built employing these steel products offer the following features:

#### [High resistance to earthquakes and other disasters]

- Steel structures: Tenaciously resistant to seismic vibrations
- Multi-function public facilities with the basic purpose of disaster prevention: No damage even in earthquakes with a seismic intensity of 7
- CFT columns and vibration-damping steel products are effective in further enhancing seismic resistance

## [Stabile quality and shortened construction term due to industrial production]

- Stable supply due to plant manufacture
- Reduced on-site construction term
- Applicability in narrow work sites and on soft ground due to the light weight of steel structures

#### [Rich design performance]

- · Lightweight design incorporating slender columns and beams
- High workability, ease of installing curvilinear and other structures
- Ease of combined use with other materials such as concrete, timber and glass

#### [High landscaping performance and flexible space construction]

- Large, column-free spaces
- Flexible response to future application changes, prolonged service life of structures

#### [Global environmentally friendly material]

- Recyclable, reduces construction wastes, and is a sustainable material
- Reuse by means of demolition and restructuring allows resources savings
- Mitigates environmental burdens due to improved durability

## Comparison of Structural Types in Building Construction

Main structura type

Steel structure

Concrete-filled steel tube (CFT) structure

Reinforced-concrete (RC)

Wooden structure

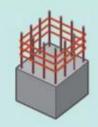
Feature

- Large span, high freedom in space design; Easy response to future design change
- Shorter construction term
- Requirement for provision of fire-resistant and corrosion-protection measures
- Improved strength and deformation capacity due to mutual restriction effect of steel tube and concrete
- · High rigidity and less vibration
- · High fire resistance
- Heavy structural weight and longer construction term
- Low resistance to tension and care to crack occurrence
- Light weight and easy fabrication
- Requirement for provision of fire-resistant measure
- · Limited space size

Structural outline









### **Application Fields**







Tokyo Gate Bridge



Weathering steel bridge

