Chokkura Plaza

Location: Takanezawa, Shioya-gun, Tochigi, Japan

Architect: Kengo Kuma & Associates
Owner: The City of Shioya-gun, Tochigi
Year of completion: 2006
Climate: Humid Subtropical Climate
Material of interest: Ooya stone
Application: Exterior façade

Properties of material: Unlike other stones, the Ooya stone is soft to touch with its softest portion - the 'miso' - formed of soil trapped within it. It also has holes similar to a sponge with the 'miso' being the largest of these. Owing to these openings, the stone surface is rather broken up in its texture.

Material used: Ooya Sonte, steel, glass

Sources:
Architect website: http://kkaa.co.jp/