Juuougawa Bridge

The rigid frame bridge built out of concrete with its iconic V-shaped pier is surrounded by green lush, allowing all passer-by to behold the spectacular sceneries



Client : Japan Highway Public Corporation

Project Site : Juuou Town, Taga District, Ibaraki Prefecture

Completion Year : 1987

Bridge Length : 250m (The V-shaped rigid frame section)

Bridge Type : 5 span continuous PC V-shaped rigid frame bridge

Width : 10.9m

Span Length : 70m (central span), 45m (The V span section)

Girder Height : 4m (max), 2.5m (central secton)

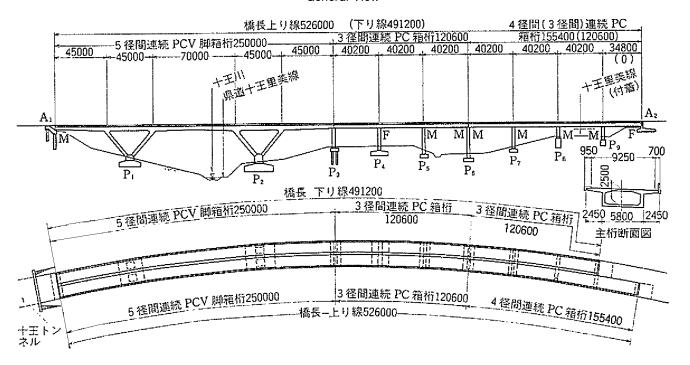
Construction Method : Girder lift up method (for the V pier section) and cantilever method (for the

superstructure)

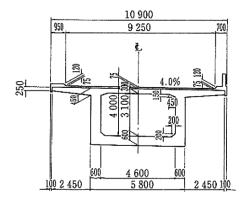
References : Journal of Prestressed Concrete No.3 1985

The pier layout option for this bridge was limited because the surrounding terrain on the site was steep and situated above the Juuou River and the prefectural road. The structure, which has two V-shaped substructures, was selected because of its ergonomic shape that allows efficient use of foundation space and because of its intrinsic shape that blends well with the surrounding landscape. Such large-scale V-legged concrete road bridge is the first of its kind in Japan. The span length on its foundation is 70m + 45m = 115m. By adopting V-shaped design, the girder height of the superstructure can be minimized to 4.5m. The angle of the V-leg was set to 40 degrees to suit the local topographical conditions. Meanwhile, the superstructure is constructed out of pre-stressed concrete and has a hollow girder cross section with 3m height. As for the V-shaped pier construction, the "Girder Lift-up method" was adopted, on which the girders itself were placed on both sides of the pier. While temporary support was constructed, the girders were gradually pulled up for installation. A temporary strut was set in the middle section to resist the outward force due to the V-shaped design. The strut was removed after the superstructure was completed. After the triangular structure of the V-leg part was completed, the superstructure was constructed through the cantilever method by using the conventional form traveller.

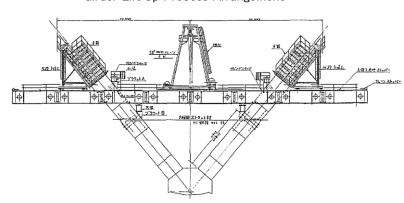
General View



Cross Section View of The Main Girder Attached To the Piers

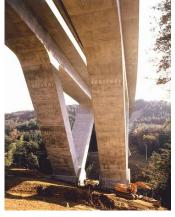


Girder Lift Up Process Arrangement





Constructiion Via Protrusion Method







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