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NEXT21 - an experiment

documentary 30 minutes, Japanese/Dutch with English subtitles, DVD PAL, 16:9

With the aim of creating an energy-efficient, green, social and flexible urban living environment fit for the challenges of the 21st century and its demands, Osaka Gas commissioned the experimental residential complex `NEXT21` in Osaka in 1989 (completed in 1993).

15 years into its existence and after three consecutive five-year cycles of ongoing inhabitation experimentation, this half-hour documentary `NEXT21 - an experiment` looks back on the context and conditions of its visionary and pioneering multi-disciplinary design process.

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