

OLD PUBLIC HALL OF HAKODATE WARD

Overview of the Hall

Old public Hall of Hakodate Ward is one of the most iconic Western-style building in the city of Hakodate at the top of Motoi-zaka slope. In 1974, the national government designated it as an Important Cultural Property. After two-time large-scale repair constructions, the Hall, with two-tone facade of bluish-gray and yellow and its elegant interior, revived in the image of Meiji era.

History of the Hall

- 1907 Aug. A town assembly hall was burned down in a big fire.
Sep. A conference was initiated to discuss construction of a new assembly hall.
- 1908 Dec. The Industrialist and statesman, Souma Teppeï donated 50,000yen.
- 1909 Feb. Engineer Konishi Asajiro conducted architectural surveys in each place.
May Construction of the Hall started.
Oct. Ridgepole-raising ceremony.
Takeuchi, the head of a ward, went on a inspection tour in Tokyo to search furniture.
- 1910 Sep. Opening ceremony.
- 1911 Aug. The Crown Prince visited the hall. (the person who became Emperor Taisho later.)
- 1922 Jul. The Prince Regent visited the hall. (the person who became Emperor Showa later.)
Aug. Municipalization of Hakodate was celebrated.
- 1927 May The Novelists Akutagawa Ryunosuke and Satomi Ton gave a lecture to an audience of a thousand people.
- 1945 Nov. The Hall was used as Hakodate district army headquarters.
- 1946 Jan. The Hall was used as Yunokawa National Hospital and Hakodate National Hospital.
- 1951 Mar. The Hall was used as the local Marine Accidents Tribunal.
- 1957 Oct. The Hall was reopened as a Public Hall.
- 1971 Mar. The Hall was designated as a Tangible Cultural Property of Hokkaido.
- 1974 May The Hall was designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.
- 1980 Oct. The preservation repair of the Hall began.
Dec. Annex building was designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.
- 1982 Nov. The preservation repair of the Hall was completed (The hall was restored in the same condition as at the time of 1911.)
- 1983 Apr. The Hall was open to the public.
- 1989 Oct. The Emperor and Empress of Japan visited the Hall.
- 2018 Oct. The preservation repair of the Hall including earthquake resistance construction began.
- 2021 Mar. The preservation repair of the Hall was completed.
Apr. The Hall was reopened to the public.

Stamps



- 10 min. by car from JR Hakodate Station
- 7 min. walk from Suehirocho tram stop
- 3 min. walk from Kokaidomae bus stop

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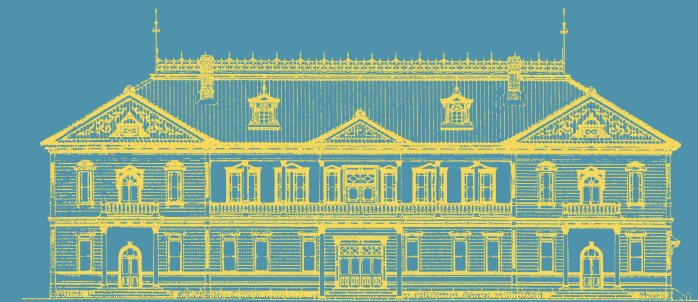
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Important Cultural Property

旧函館区公会堂

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Reception Hall



Game room



Imperial chamber



View from the Balcony

At the Old public Hall, you feel like as if you traveled back in time to the late Meiji era. The furnishings are exhibited as they originally appeared, you will feel change of the times. At the beautifully restored Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward, spend a time to take a break from the everyday life.

Overview

■ Year of Construction 1910

■ Structure

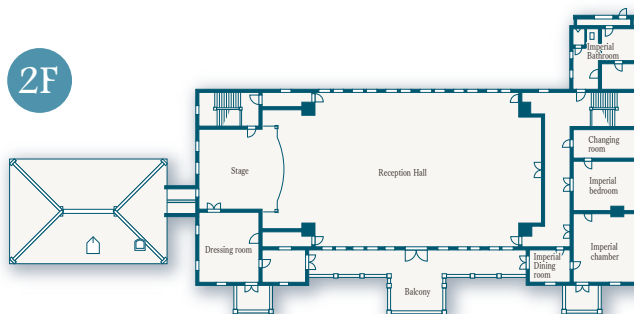
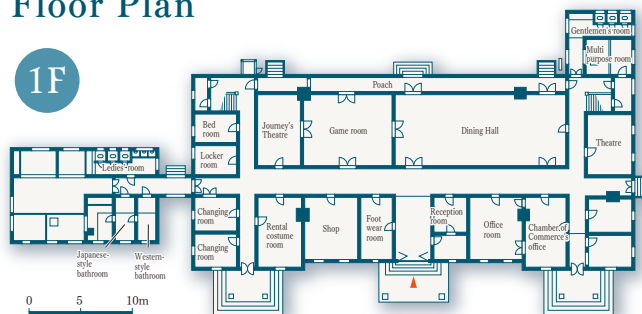
Main building: Two-storied wooden building
Sangawara tile roofing

Annex building: Single-storied wooden building
Connecting corridor Sangawara tile roofing

■ Area Main building: 886.3 sqm

Annex building: 133.9 sqm

Floor Plan



Rental Costume

There are many kinds of gorgeous dresses and all of them fit into the atmosphere of the Hall. you can change into dresses or hakama which you feel like stepping back in time to the Meiji era. Any location inside the Hall is photogenic.

Shop

The Old Public Hall was also a place for the social meeting of citizens of Hakodate. If you would like to pack up your memories of the people, townscapes, lights of Hakodate and the southern Hokkaido region, be sure to visit the gift shop. Many items are limited-edition products not available anywhere else.

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Opening Hours

● April to October

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 – 18:00

Saturday – Monday 9:00 – 19:00

● November to March 9:00 – 17:00

● Closed December 31 to January 3

Note that we have extra days of closure.

—〈 Last admission is 30minutes before closing. 〉—

Admission Fee

	Individual	Group (20 people or more)
Adults	¥300	¥240
Pupils, students	¥150	¥120

Combination ticket is available for the following four facilities:

- Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward
- Former British Consulate of Hakodate
- Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples
- Hakodate City Museum of Literature

Combination Ticket	Entry to four facilities	Entry to three facilities	Entry to two facilities
Adults	¥840	¥720	¥500
Pupils, students	¥420	¥360	¥250

Notes:

- For group admission, all tickets must be purchased at one time by one representative. The group must enter together.
- Free admission for infants and disabled Hakodate residents.
- Hakodate residents of 65 and older get a 50% discount (not applicable to combination)

Rental Room

- Fee Reception Hall ¥12,000
Chamber of Commerce's office ¥800

● Available date and time

April to October

Tuesday – Friday 18:00 – 22:00