

# Red Brick Building will be closed from October 1 due to the renovations

## Renovation work on the Red Brick Building

The former Hokkaido Government Office Building (the Red Brick Building) is one of Hokkaido's historical buildings, and has been designated as one of the nation's important cultural assets. As 50 years have passed since its restoration work in 1968, deterioration of the building has been dramatically progressing. Taking the year of 2018 as a turning point which marked that this land renamed as Hokkaido, a large-scaled renovation will be conducted in order to preserve the historic value of the Red Brick Building which is a precious asset passed down from our ancestors, as well as to pass it down to the next generation.

## Outline of the Renovation Works

Through the renovation, preservation and repair works as well as earthquake-resistant repair work will be conducted. A more "Barrier-free" design will be also adopted.

## Time Schedule

**FY 2019** renovation works will be started

**FY 2022** to be completed



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# About the Renovation Project

For its historical architecture which symbolizes Hokkaido, the Former Hokkaido Government Office has been designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan. As one of Hokkaido's most iconic sightseeing attractions, this site brings over 600,000 visitors from throughout Japan and around the world every year. However, the building continues to suffer from interior and exterior deterioration. Our planned renovation project will repair the building, increase its resistance to earthquakes, and establish this historic site as a hub for cultural and sightseeing information. The indoor exhibits and utilization will be completely revised, bringing new attractions and excitement to this remarkable piece of Hokkaido's history.

Red Brick Government Building  
Renovation Overview

## This government building will be renovated into a public facility!

The goals are “preserve and open the Red Brick Government Building to the public” and “establish the building as a hub for historical culture and sightseeing information”.

Concept

**A place for enjoyment by all visitors**

**A place to link various regions of Hokkaido**

**A place to promote Hokkaido brands to the world**

Plans for event and dining spaces,  
as well as enhanced exhibits!

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**History and Culture Floor**

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**Regional Information and Activity Floor**

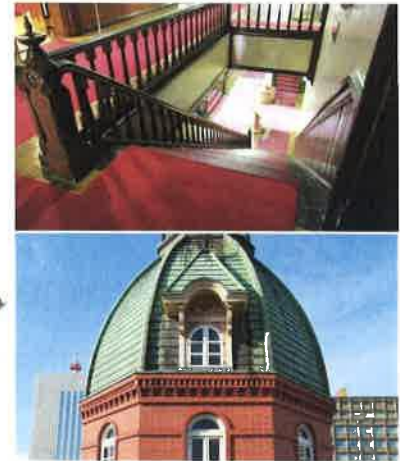
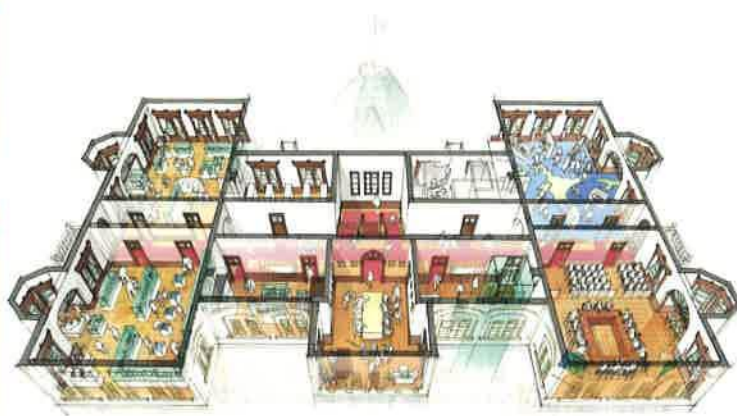
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**Creation and Interaction Floor**



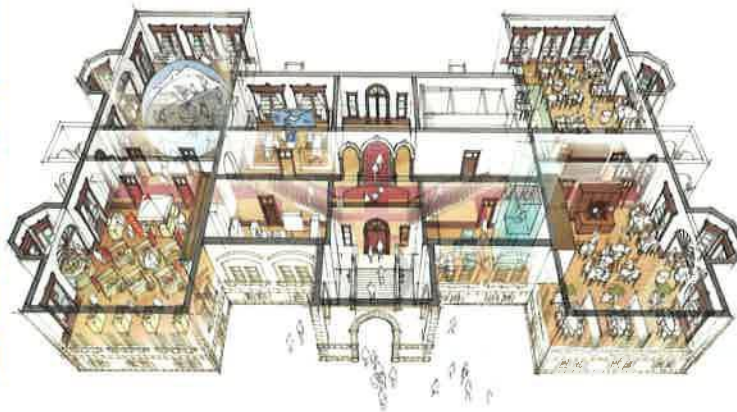
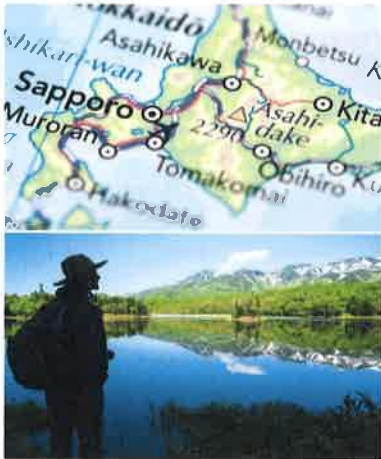
## 2nd Floor: History and Culture Floor

The second floor will become the "History and Culture Floor", featuring exhibits which explore the value of the Red Brick Government Building as a Culturally Important Property of Japan, Hokkaido's history and culture, Hokkaido's abundant natural environment, and more. Taking advantage of the excellent views from the second floor, a multipurpose event space will also be installed.



## 1st Floor: Regional Information and Activity Floor

The first floor will become the "Regional Information and Activity Floor". Serving as a point of welcome, this floor will build excitement and create a memorable "Hokkaido experience" with sightseeing information from various regions of Hokkaido, shops carrying famous regional products, and a dining space to allow visitors to sample Hokkaido's culinary culture.



## Basement: Creation and Exchange Floor

The basement will become the "Creation and Exchange Floor", serving as a venue for various creative activities, exchange between government, citizens, and businesses, and support for business start-ups that will link regions of Hokkaido. By passing on the heritage of the "frontier spirit" from the era of the Red Brick Government Building's original establishment, we will support the activity of Hokkaido residents who will create our future.

