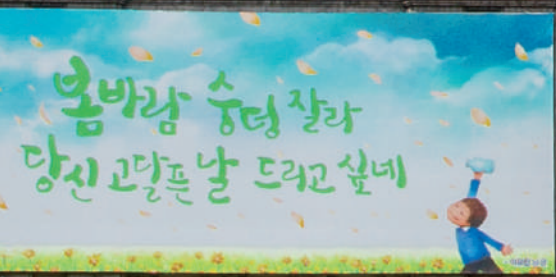


City Hall

Seoul

Metropolitan
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Seoul Plaza

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In April 2024, the Seoul City Hall unveiled its new look

Main Building (5B-13F)
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Welcome to Seoul City Hall!

Remodeled anew 12 years after its construction, Seoul City Hall was designed as a cultural space where citizens can enjoy and relax together.

Rather than a simple workplace, it functions as a cultural space with tons of things to do, contributing to making Seoul an attractive solidarity city.

Seoulim



Panoramic View of Seoulim (1F)

- ▶ Vertical Garden
- ▶ Metaseosa Seobeol
- ▶ Media Wall
- ▶ Open Civil Service Center
- ▶ Robot Cafe

Sky Plaza



Panoramic view of Sky Plaza

- ▶ Sky Plaza Gallery
- ▶ Happy Plus Café



Vertical Garden

Vertical Garden 'Fostering the vision of 'Botanical City, Seoul'

The 1,516m² indoor vertical garden features 14 species of plants, including ivies and Scindapsus, and reaches seven stories high. It forms a harmonious pair with the indoor garden filled with seasonal flowers that allow visitors to enjoy the change of seasons.





Metaseosa Seobeol

Representing Seoul's 2,000-year history

Metaseosa Seobeol is JHEON Soo-cheon's installation artwork, selected through a public contest. The long story of Seoul, which has served as the country's capital for 2,000 years, represented as a light of hope, a mythical path, and a whirlwind of life.

- ① Light of Hope: Symbolizes the hope of Seoul citizens
- ② Mythical Path: Represents the long history of Seoul
- ③ Whirlwind of Life: Expresses the dynamic vitality and strong will of Seoul citizens





Media Wall

Media art featured in our daily lives

Visitors to the City Hall are first greeted by a large media wall on the first floor of City Hall, opposite the main entrance. It features a variety of media contents, including the dynamic present and future images of Seoul, a digital aquarium, and works selected through public media art contest.





Open Civil Service Center

Welcome to Open Civil Service Center where everyone is kind to each other

Designed in the style of a café with a relaxed atmosphere, the Open Civil Service Center serves as a comprehensive service hub where any citizen can get consultation, access information, file complaints, and have them processed without visiting individual departments. The center has a total of 14 desks to receive grievances and disclosure requests, issue 14 types of certificates and handle 133 services across 30 types.





Robot Café

Coexistence of the future and eco-friendliness

Here, you can watch a robot diligently making your drink and enjoy it with recipes from a barista with 15 years of experience at an affordable price. This eco-friendly café uses reusable cups. Return the cup to the café to get a refund on the KRW 1,000 deposit!





Sky Plaza Gallery

A window of communication with art

Sky Plaza Gallery is an exhibition space in the City Hall where citizens can freely visit and admire the featured artworks. Three to five teams/artists are selected each year through an open call, and the selected teams/artists take turns to showcase their works for set periods throughout the year.





Happy Plus Café

A place where everyone's happiness increases

Overlooking Seoul Plaza, Sky Plaza is home to the Happy Plus Café, where you can enjoy delicious drinks and refreshments made by baristas with disabilities at affordable prices. This multi-purpose cafe also serves as a cultural space for exhibiting and selling products made by people with disabilities.



Seoul Metropolitan Library

A living witness to Seoul's modern history

Main Building (1F-5F)
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Established in 1926 as the Gyeongseong Ministry Office during the Japanese occupation, this modern building served as the Seoul Metropolitan City Hall from 1946 to 2008 after the liberation of Korea. It was designated as a Registered Cultural Property No. 52 in 2003 in recognition as a surviving witness to modern history.

The former office building, which handed its service to the newly built Seoul City Hall, was renovated as the city's leading library under the name Seoul Metropolitan Library.

Hours

- Tue to Fri 9 AM~9 PM
- Sat & Sun 9 AM~6 PM
- Closed on Mondays and holidays



▶ Former Mayor's Office, Planning and Situation Room (3F)

▶ Global Collections (4F)

▶ Sky Yard(5F)

▶ Seoul Archival Services (3F)

▶ City Hall Traces Exhibition Room (5F)



Former Mayor's Office, Planning and Situation Room

The former mayor's office was restored to its early 20th-century appearance, preserving the original building materials from before the building was demolished. In the mayor's office, which has served multiple mayors, visitors can sit at the desk and imagine themselves as the future mayor. The table in the Planning and Situation Room, where various meetings were held, is lined with documents showing the 20 most decisive events in Seoul and how they were handled.





Seoul Archival Services

The Seoul Archival Services is an exhibition space that conveys the value of archival culture as it tells the story of Seoul's evolution and the people who have lived with it. The space shares the memories of Seoul's citizens who have lived in the city through the records of joys and sorrows from daily lives.





Global Collections

Global Collections provide access to valuable resources from around the world. It is home to around 57,000 books including 4,400 materials donated from 67 countries.

The collection includes books written in various languages including Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, and Southeast Asian and African languages.





City Hall Traces Exhibition Room

The exhibition hall displays ornaments and components from the dismantling of the former city hall building. The vertically opening windows, which are rarely seen these days, and the walls, plastered in 1926, have been restored.





Sky Yard

This is the rooftop garden of the Seoul Library. Visitors can enjoy views of Gwanghwamun, Cheongwadae, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Deoksugung Palace, and the surrounding areas. A wide wooden bench has been set up along with an aquatic biotope and a lawn.



Seoul Plaza



Seoul Plaza is the very place where tens of thousands of citizens came together in a memorable display of comradery during the 2002 World Cup. It now serves as a cultural space for various performances, exhibitions, and events for the citizens. Covered with natural grass, it offers a green space where people can take a break from their busy daily lives.



From spring to fall, the plaza hosts “Seoul Outdoor Library in Seoul Plaza,” the world’s first outdoor library dedicated to the joy of reading outdoors. In addition, it turns into an ice rink in winter, attracting numerous skating-loving citizens to the plaza.

