

TOKYO INTERNATIONAL FORUM



ESSENTIAL POINTS OF THE DESIGN

The basic idea of the design is an ascending sequence rising from north to south.

The main entrance to the building is at the north end of the site, on Metropolitan road 406. The main entrance sequence starts with a public plaza at street level. This plaza includes a raised platform, with trees all over it, which leads to a wide main staircase under the main gateway and then up into the grand lobby of the building. This grand lobby is at the 3rd floor level. It is an immense glass enclosed space, 40 meters high, surrounded by arcades and galleries, and dominated by a great main staircase with escalators which leads up through the middle. Exhibit A, Hall C, the Conference Center and the Multi-Purpose Gallery all open off the main floor of the lobby at the 3rd floor. To the east the lobby floor leads to the 3rd floor garden terrace, across a bridge which passes through exhibit A.

The grand stair climbs through minor landings at the 4th and 5th stories, to a main lobby platform which serves Halls A and B at the 6th floor level (21.5 meters from the ground). A further grand stair goes on to climb to the 7th floor level for the entrance to Hall A.