

Preservation and Revitalization of Meijiseimei-kan (MEIJIYASUDASIMEI BUILDING BLOCK Redevelopment)

This project entailed the preservation and restoration of the entire façade and a portion of the interior of **Meijiseimei-kan**, a building originally constructed in 1934 in the classical building designated as an Important Cultural Property, in order for it to be reborn as a modern office building. A novel method was employed to unify the existing façade and interior with the newly designed unique spaces that maintain the distinction of the original building. In terms of urban landscape design as well, the street area was also restored to ensure integrated development for the entire city block while enabling ongoing use of the Important Cultural Property as below.

1. Integrated city block redevelopment with **Meijiseimei-kan** playing the lead role
2. Ongoing use of the Important Cultural Property in various ways, as a modern workplace, a restaurant, and a gathering place for people
3. Organization and public display of archives

Modern technologies were used to repair, and renovate the façade, the first floor office area and so on in order to enable the continued use of these sections.

The other sections that could be altered for use were revitalized by adding the functions needed for use as an office building .