

Must-See Sights on Sapporo Campus

2 Conference Hall

The Conference Hall was established in March 1985 in order to promote academic programs at the university. The Hall is used for academic activities such as conferences and symposiums.

Centennial Hall

Built in 1978, the Centennial Hall houses an exhibition of one hundred years of university history in the form of photographs and documents. Other conference rooms and a cafeteria provide relaxed venues for both faculty and alumni gatherings. On weekdays the cafeteria is open and the restrooms and rest areas are available.

14 Bust of Dr. William S. Clark

William S. Clark came from Massachusetts to become Vice President of the germinal university in its founding year from August 1876 to April 1877. He helped introduce farming techniques suitable to Hokkaido conditions, and broadened students' minds to the outside world and to the spiritual sense of Christianity. The present statue erected in 1948 was modeled on the original which was melted down for metal during World War II.

6 Clark Memorial Student Center

A place for Students' discussions over tea was realized in 1960 with the construction of this western-style union building. The popular Student Center is the first and biggest of all national universities, and the pipe organ in the auditorium is on the same scale as that at the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music. On weekdays the cafeteria is open and the restrooms and rest areas are available.

23 Visitor Center

Acting as an information center for campus visitors, it provides brochures on faculties and schools, as well as information about extension courses. The building was previously the Old School of Entomology, whish was established in 1901 and is the oldest building in existence on campus. It was renovated and reopened as the Visitor Center in 2003.

Official Goods Shop Open: 9:00-16:30 (except on Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays in Dec.-Mar.)

25 Graduate School of Science 26 The Hokkaido University Museum

The Graduate School of Science building is the oldest permanent concrete building on the campus, and houses the Hokkaido University Museum. It took two years to complete this three-story modern Gothic building starting in 1929.

Official Goods Shop & The HU Museum

Open: 9:30-16:30 (June-Oct.)/10:00-16:00(Nov.-May) except on Mondays (or the following day when Monday falls on a National Holiday)

44 Faculty House Trillium

This center opened in May 1995 as a place for academic staff to meet in an informal atmosphere to promote education and research activities, staff welfare and communication. It contains conference rooms, the restaurant ELM, a lounge and a gallery. On weekdays, the restaurant is open and the restrooms and rest areas are available.

46 Poplar Avenue

Poplars were first planted in Hokkaido in 1890's as a wind break. Many of the trees are far past their normal lifespan of sixty years, and despite the danger of them crashing down, they are an essential part of the Sapporo tourist's itinerary. Poplar Avenue may be viewed from nearby but walking between the trees is prohibited.

8 Model Barn

This Important Cultural Property was built in 1877, based on Dr. Clark's belief that successful farming depended on spacious stables to shelter animals from the severe winters. The barn was one of nine buildings, including silo, bull-house, milking shed, and tool shed built in the style of 19th century American barns. It was moved to the present site in 1910, and extensive restoration was carried out in 1977-79. There is a restroom located outside this building.

Botanical Garden

About a kilometer to the south of the campus is the Botanical Garden, containing a museum of Ainu relics, a Bachelor Museum, and many thematic gardens. Small wildlife abounds in this urban oasis. The Botanical Garden is situated at North 3 West 8. Admission is 400 yen for adults and 280 for children. Opening hours are 9:00 to 16:00 in summer and 9:00 to 15:30 in winter. Tel: 011-221-0066