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#### Reopening and restoration

In 1957, the Old Public Hall reopened for the use of Hakodate residents. In 1974, the central government designated it an Important Cultural Property. A large-scale restoration effort began in 1980 and continued for two years (Renovations in the Showa era (1980-1982)). Thereafter, the Old Public Hall became one of Hakodate's leading tourist attractions.