

NATIONAL MUSEUM of PREHISTORY

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Museum Grounds Map



1 Scenic Outlook A replica of a mo'ai stands atop a hill looking at the museum from above.



2 Mountain Square The expansive artificial lawn helps the museum's architecture blend into the surrounding landscape.



3 Stained Glass Windows: Circles of Time The present is the past, and the future is now. Different bits of color move here and there, coming together into circles.



4 Cafe Like landscape paintings, the windows on both sides bring in the view of the Mountain Square, Prehistory Garden, and distant mountains.



5 Atrium The ordered arrangement of towering serpentinite walls gives the appearance of an archaeological excavation pit, signifying the exploration of both space and time.



6 Fiber Art: The Scroll of Time From the circular shaft in the middle, different colors and materials radiate outward, telling the story of Taiwanese Indigenous people's weaving cultures.

Exploration Center



The Exploration Center is comprised of the Prehistory Exploration Play Area, which is based on the theme of prehistoric cultures, and the exhibition space for *Empathy: Stories of Moving*, which, in a way children can understand, tells about those who have been forced to leave their homelands. Through games and stories, the center looks to arouse children's curiosity about prehistory and evoke their empathy toward the painful histories of Indigenous people. With the completeness of its equipment and functions, it is basically a museum in its own right within the larger museum.

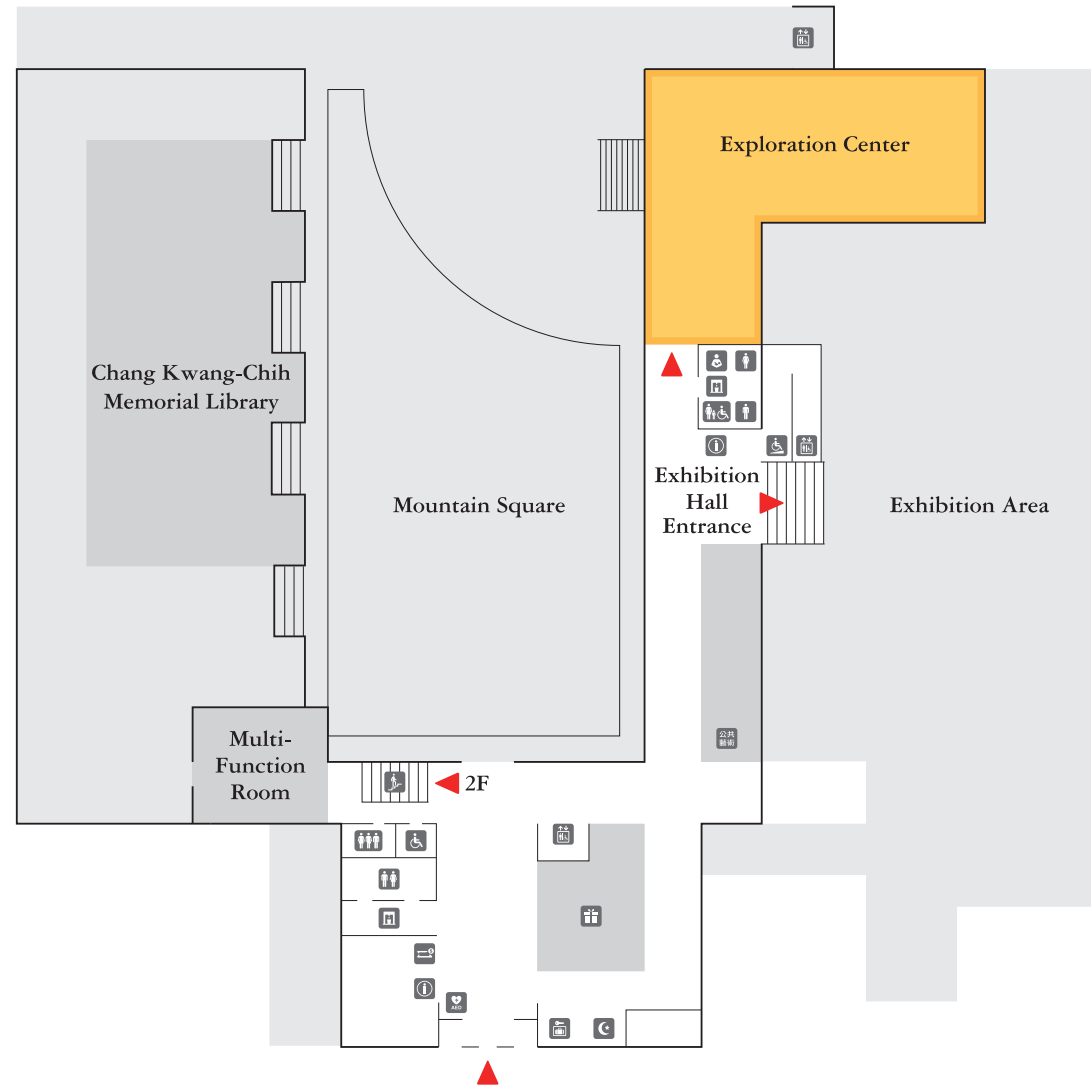
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On the first floor are the information desk, a multi-purpose classroom, a creative workshop, a family area, and the exhibition area for *Empathy: Stories of Moving*.

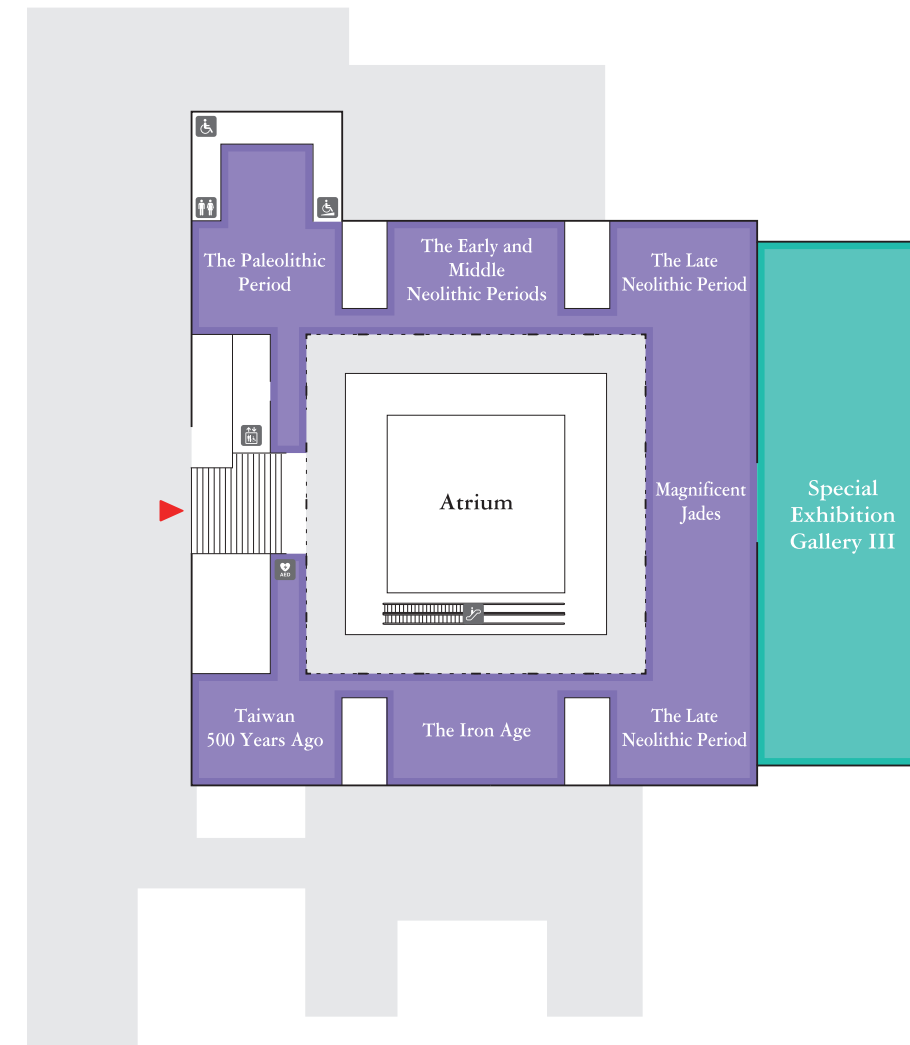
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On the second floor are the Prehistory Exploration Play Area (including the Megalith Zone, Animal Zone, Jade Zone, and Pottery Zone) and the Landscape View Balcony outside.

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Taiwan Prehistory Hall



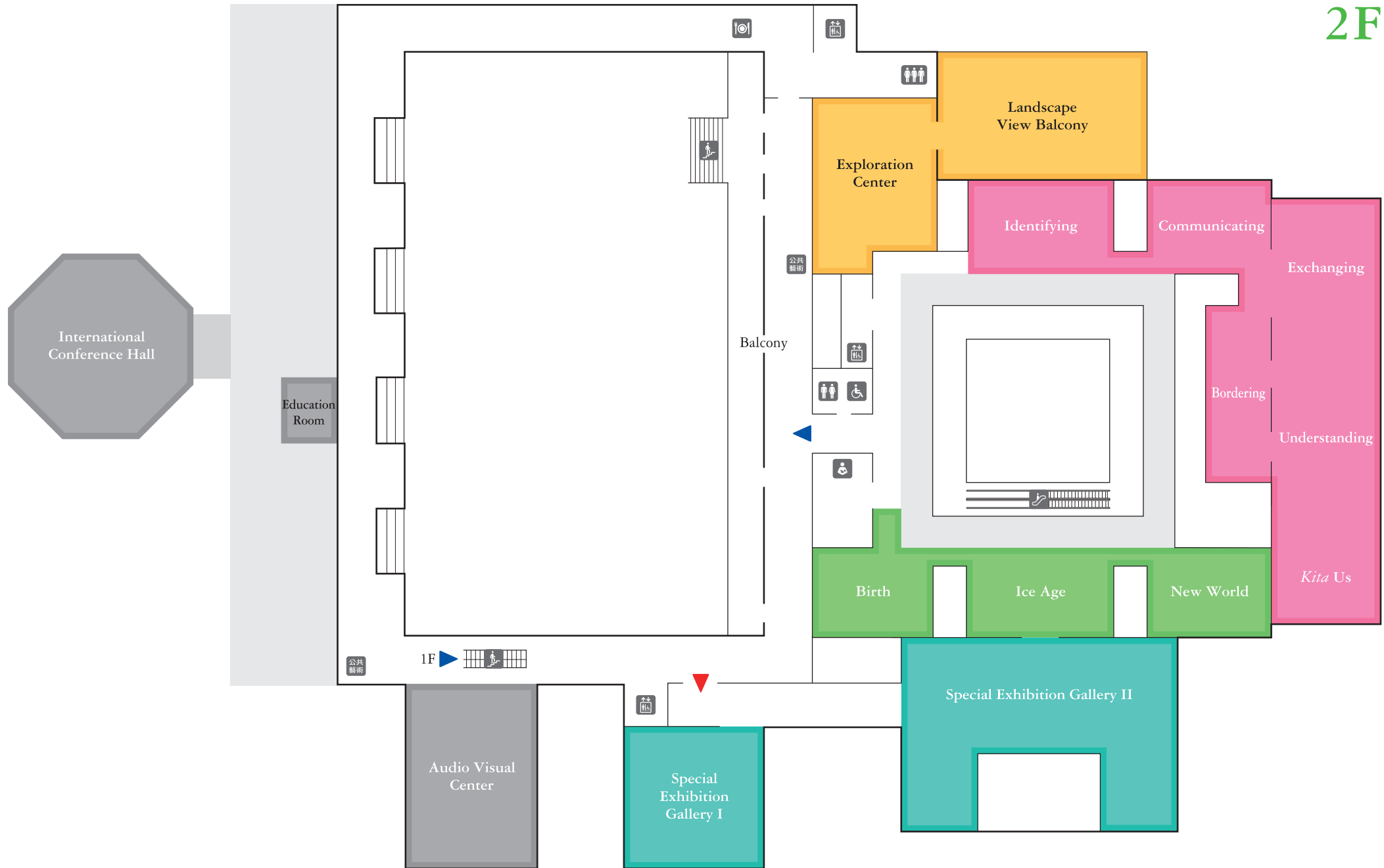
Taiwan's history extends much further back than its history usually known, which began about 400 years ago. Archaeological evidence shows that it dates back at least 30,000 years and includes the Late Paleolithic, Neolithic, and Iron Ages. Throughout its prehistory, Taiwan continuously took in migrating peoples from various places who rooted themselves and the cultures of their homelands here. The material culture and remains from each time period reflect a continuous flow of peoples and contact among them that ultimately created Taiwan's unique culture. Based on evidence from 100 years of local archaeological research, this exhibition hall invites visitors to join in the exploration of Taiwan's prehistory.



Taiwan Natural History Hall



How did the islands of Taiwan come into being? What types of geological evolution produced Taiwan's rich biota? What did Taiwan's environment look like at the end of the last ice age? In reflecting on the past and the ways that humans have impacted the land here, how should we now move toward the future? We can search for clues to all of these types of questions in the three galleries at the hall: Birth, Ice Age, and New World, which lead us to better understand Taiwan's ecology and the importance of concern for the environment in which we live.



Austronesian Hall



The exhibition *Austronesian Worlds, Worldly Austronesias*, divided into six sections — *Kita Us*, Understanding, Bordering, Exchanging, Communicating, and Identifying — shows the diversity of island cultures from the perspective of Austronesian Peoples and highlights the unique interactions among people of different islands and cultures from the perspective of world history. Taiwan has long been a major node of human migration and cultural encounters. The exhibition is about the interwoven stories of Taiwan and the Austronesian worlds.

Interactions Among People, Nature, and Culture

Main Museum



A Pathway for the public to Prehistoric Taiwan and the Austronesian World, rooted in Taiwan, connected to Austronesia, and reaching out to the World.

The origins of the National Museum of Prehistory (NMP) can be traced back to the beginning of construction of the new Taitung train station in 1980, which led to the discovery of the Peinan site—the most complete settlement site unearthed in the history of Taiwanese archaeology and boasting the largest cluster of slate coffin graves in Southeast Asia and the Circum-Pacific Belt. In response to calls for the preservation of the cultural heritage of this site and others, the Main Museum of the NMP was built to the south of the Kangle train station. In addition, plans were drawn up to build the Peinan Site Park in the area of the Peinan site. Also established was the Museum of Archaeology, Tainan Branch of NMP (at the Southern Taiwan Science Park in Tainan), which possesses the most complete record of the cultural layers in southwestern Taiwan.



Museum of Archaeology, Tainan Branch of NMP

Peinan Site Park

Main Museum

We Live on an Archaeological Site

Peinan Site Park



Make a stop at this site of ancient history to reunite with the distant past. This piece of land is a deposit of history. In this natural setting, prehistoric culture and modern people converge and coexist.

The first archaeological site museum in Taiwan, the Peinan Site Park, contains the nationally designated Peinan Archaeological Site *in situ*. In the surrounding area, Taiwan's natural environment has been regenerated with the cultivation of low-altitude indigenous plants and ethnobotanical species. Within the park are a large slate pillar and the actual excavation area where visitors can see archaeological features with their own eyes, an exhibition hall providing an overview of the Peinan Site and the Peinan Culture, and reconstructions of the prehistoric houses and traditional architecture of Indigenous Peoples. There are also various service facilities, including a visitor center, restaurant, and viewing platforms.

GUIDED TOUR SERVICES

Scheduled Tours | 10:00, 15:00

Group Reservations | Schools or groups of 20 people or more.

Reservation required via phone, fax, or online appointment (limited availability).

Reservations | +886-89-233466 ext.1

Peinan Site Park

No.200, Cultural Park Rd., Taitung, Taiwan 950026



Learn more

Where a Major Center of Science, Technology and Prehistoric Culture Come Together

Museum of Archaeology, Tainan Branch of National Museum of Prehistory



As the science and technology sector in southern Taiwan continues its upward, it converges with the prehistoric cultures from ages that buried underground in the past, their fusions form the 5,000-year-long story of the people of this land.

During the construction of the Southern Taiwan Science Park, relics of cultures that existed there from 5,000 to 300 years ago were discovered. This group of archaeological sites is the most complete cultural sequence in southwestern Taiwan. The Museum of Archaeology, Tainan Branch of National Museum of Prehistory (NMP) was constructed of the need to preserve and exhibit the cultural relics unearthed here and has become an important base for cultural heritage research in southern Taiwan. The museum's exhibits include 5,000 Years of the Nanke, Observing Life in Prehistory, and Scientific Archaeology. There are also the Children's Hall and the Museum's Secret Chamber, which presents the public with a rare look at the work area where cultural relics are protected and conserved.

GUIDED TOUR SERVICES

Scheduled Tours | 09:30, 10:30, 14:30, 15:30

Group Reservations | Schools or groups of 20 people or more.

Reservation required via phone, fax appointment (limited availability).

Reservations | +886-6-5050905 ext.8101

Audio Guide | Rental available

Museum of Archaeology, Tainan Branch of National Museum of Prehistory

No. 10, Nanke 3rd Rd., Xinsi Dist., Tainan, Taiwan 74147



Learn more

HOURS AND INFORMATION

Hours | 09:00-17:00, Tuesday-Sunday.

Closed | Mondays (except those which are national holidays or part of long weekends) and on Lunar New Year's Eve/Day.

Ticket Booth Hours | 09:00-16:30

ADMISSION

General admission | NT\$100

Group admission | NT\$80 (price per person in groups of at least 20).

Discounted admission | NT\$60 (for those who hold a valid student ID from a school registered with the Ministry of Education).

Free for |

- 1.Children under 6 years old.
- 2.Seniors over 65 (but only half price on holidays and weekends).
- 3.Those who have a Taiwan government-issued handbook for the physically and mentally impaired (each of these people may be accompanied by another person if necessary, and both will be admitted for free).
- 4.Holders of a Service Honor Card.

Those who wish to obtain discounted or free tickets based on the above requirements are kindly requested to present the necessary identification documents. If you have not brought these documents, you will not be given discounted/free admission.

GUIDED TOUR SERVICES

Group Reservations | Schools or groups of 20 people or more.

Reservation required via phone, fax, or online appointment (limited availability).

Accessible tour reservations |

- 1.For the visually impaired (audio description tour).
- 2.For the hearing impaired (sign language interpretation).
- 3.Escort for assistance operating interactive multimedia equipment (for the physically impaired only).

Reservations | +886-89-381166 ext.755

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Multimedia Guide | Rental available



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