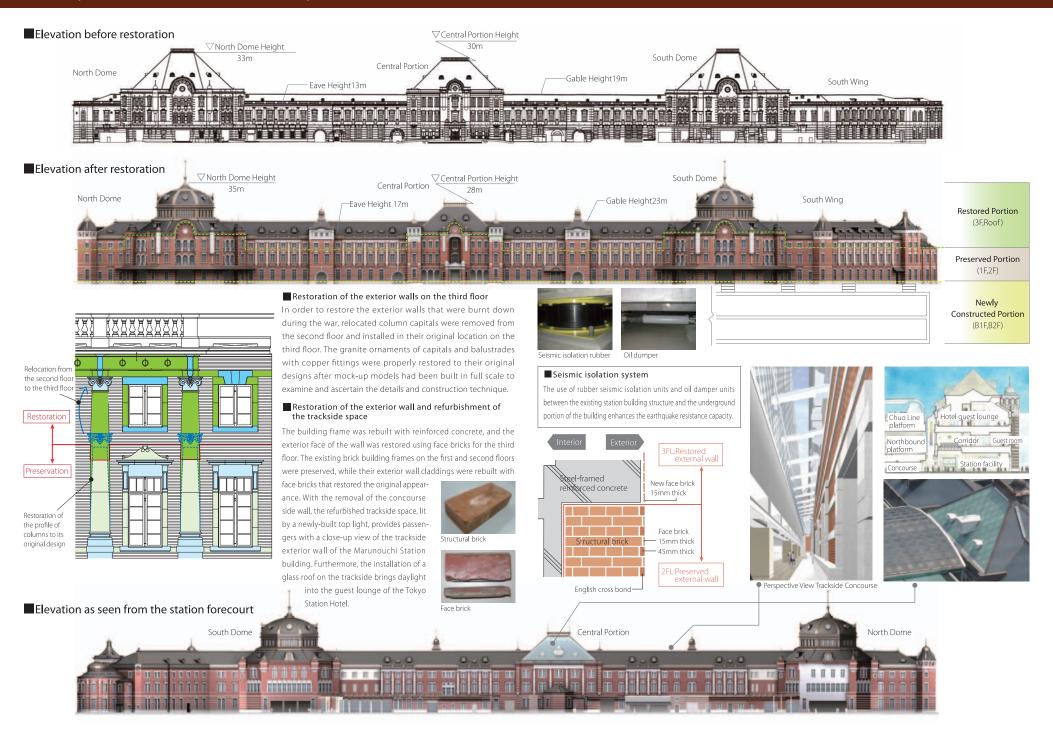
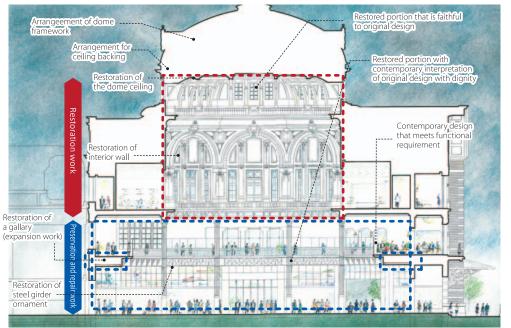
Tokyo Station Marunouchi Building-Preservation and Restoration of Exterior Walls



■Basic principles of preservation and restoration of the domes

The basic approach for preservation and restoration is to apply different methodologies for specific components of a building. During the reconstruction process, the interior of the third and fourth floors and dome ceiling were restored in a manner that was faithful to their original design. In contrast, the first and second floor galleries were restored with functionality and novelty in mind. At the final stage of restoration, an adjustment was made to seamlessly combine the ornamental patterns of the second and third floors. The reconstructed dome represents the harmonious integration of the past with the latest technology.



■Historical transitions of the domes

The ceiling, which is coved with phoenix reliefs, was burnt down during the war, but the ornamental arches of the third floor miraculously survived intact. As the postwar reconstruction work was done hastily with inadequate preparation, a wooden roof replaced the irreparably damaged dome, and a metallic ceiling in the style of the Pantheon in Rome concealed ornamental arches that were original components of the building. The reinforced concrete columns took the place of ornamental steel columns that had supported a third floor overhang. As a result, the overall effect of the interior was lackluster and rigidly functional without ornamentation. The renovation work in 2012 recreated the original style of the dome and conscientiously restored the ornamental arches above the third floor to the original design.



Perspective view of the dome around the time of its opening



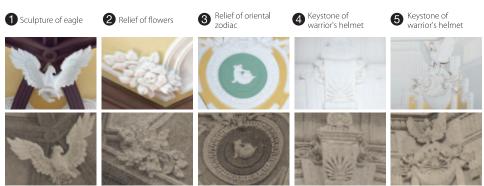
Perspective view of the dome ceiling after



Perspective view of the dome ceiling after restoration

■Restoration of relief sculptures

The interior of the third and fourth floors and the vaulted ceiling were restored to their original state. reconstructed to reflect their original splendor. All the ornaments are identical in both domes. (Black and



Notable ornaments such as oriental zodiac signs and eagles spanning over 2 m across the dome were white photographs were taken around the time of the foundation of the building.)



