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## Tokyo's Cocoon Tower selected as 2008 Skyscraper of the Year



### Emporis Skyscraper Award 2008

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With an impressive score of 77 voting points, the world's most renowned architectural prize for high-rise buildings, the Emporis Skyscraper Award, goes to Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower in Tokyo. This university building in Tokyo's Shinjuku district has been selected out of 384 eligible buildings worldwide over 100 meters tall which were completed in 2008. The jury of 20 Emporis senior editors from around the globe praised the building's "expressive" design and the "remarkable environment" Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower provides its users, who include faculty and 10,000 students at three vocational universities. Designed by Tange Associates, the 203.65-meter skyscraper is the second-tallest educational building in the world (surpassed only by Moscow State University), and the tallest constructed since 1953.

The Silver Award goes to Boutique Monaco in Seoul, a 27-story tower also known as "Missing Matrix" because of the garden-filled voids carved out of its mass. The Bronze Award was given to Shanghai World Financial Center, whose height of 492 meters makes it the second-tallest completed building in the world. The Emporis Skyscraper Award is the only prize for high-rise architecture awarded annually on a global basis and it has been given since 2000 to recognize excellence in both aesthetic and functional design.

[To learn more on Minsuk Cho's Boutique Monaco Tower read "Tall buildings: variations on a theme", in Joseph Grima' architecture criticism on Abitare 489.](#)

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