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The Very Best Cocoon



Gakuen, a fashion design school. It is obvious that stylish architecture sets a spirit of daring imagination, stimulating the students and faculty. The white aluminum and dark blue glass exterior designed, manufactured and constructed by Shenyang Yanda forms a curved shell, criss-crossed by an intricate web of diagonal lines earning it the name «Cocoon Tower». The design has been also nicknamed «The Giant Cocoon».

In April there will be Emporis Skyscraper Award ceremony celebrating the winners, which were announced in Frankfurt this January. The 203.65 m high Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower was selected for the 2008 Skyscraper of the Year. This is the ninth year of the award, which is given annually to a building at least 100 meters tall and completed within the award year. The second place winner is Boutique Monaco in Seoul, and Shanghai World Financial Center came in third. These buildings were selected from 380 eligible buildings completed worldwide in 2008. 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, located in Tokyo's Shinjuku district among not less giant corporate headquarters, 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 skyscraper is the second-tallest educational building in the world surpassed only by Moscow State University (240 m), and the tallest constructed since 1953. The building houses three schools including its namesake Mode

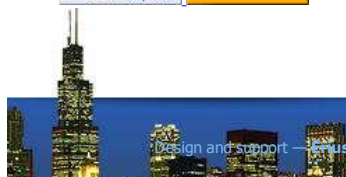
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The highest tower ever built



The tallness palm by right belongs to the recently built Taipei 101, which dominates the administrative center of Taiwan. The building scales the height of 509 meters and contains 101 floors. However, if the governing consideration were the floor number (not meters in height) Taipei would yield its first place to Sears Towers in Chicago, erected in 1974 and currently seen as fourth. It reaches the height of 442 meters and has 110 floors. Still this is not all, as a lot of [high-rise projects](#) are being implemented at present in many countries of the world.



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