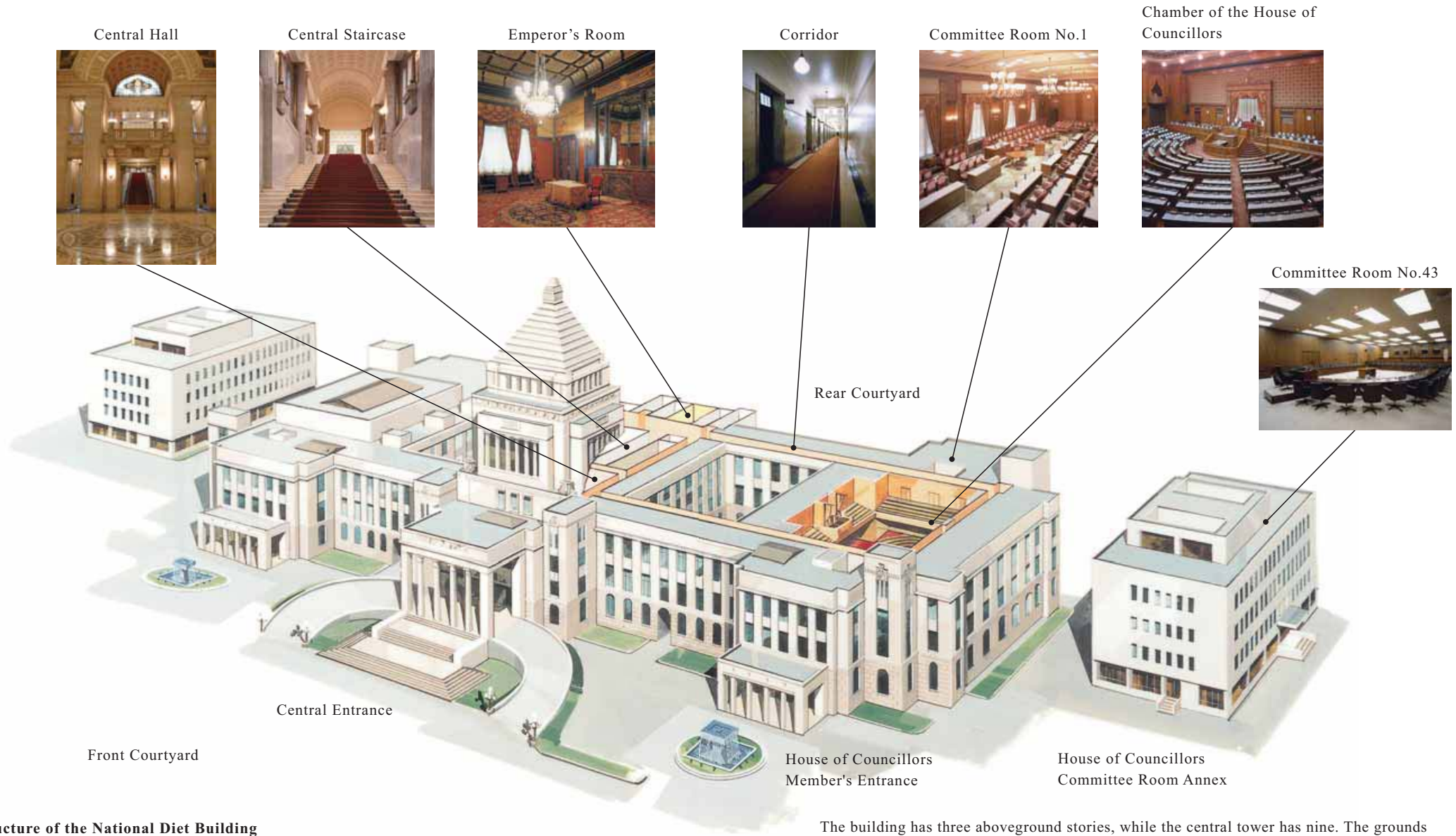


**General Layout**



**Structure of the National Diet Building**

A nationwide competition was held in 1918 for designs for the Diet Building, and the present structure is based on the winning design. Construction was started in January 1920 and was completed about seventeen years later in November 1936. The north wing, on the right of the picture, is occupied by the House of Councillors, and the south wing, by the House of Representatives

The building has three aboveground stories, while the central tower has nine. The grounds cover an area of 103,001 square meters while the building has a total floor area of 53,466 square meters.

The Committee Room Annex of the House of Councillors is located to the north of the National Diet Building. It was built in December 1969 to create additional committee rooms.