Ewha Campus Complex changed the topography of university campuses around the world. With an unusual design that makes underground seem like overground, ECC goes beyond being a building to be a new landscape that harmonizes with the natural background. The ECC project started with the idea that students needed the best campus environment where they could spend more time.

Selected through the International Design Competition in February 2004, Dominique Perrault’s ECC is a place of learning and a space for communication and meeting. Dominique Perrault is known for his designs of numerous works of architecture: the French National Library (1995), famous as a Parisian landmark; the Olympic Velodrome and Swimming Pool in Berlin, Germany (1992); the New Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia (2003); and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg (2008).

ECC was his first project in Asia with construction beginning in 2005. It opened its doors in April 2008.

**ECC Awards**
- October 2008
  1st Prize in the 26th Seoul Metropolitan Architecture Award
- June 2009
  Green Good Design 2009 (Environment/Landscape Architecture Award)
- August 2010
  Grand Prix (AFEX 2010) for French World Architecture
A Campus Where Tradition and Modernity Coexist

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ECC creates a new space where the present and the past harmonize inside the campus. The modern ECC is surrounded by the Pfeiffer Hall (Main Hall), the Welch-Ryang Auditorium and the Case Hall (Graduate School Building), representative of Ewha’s history and tradition. The boundary between old and new in the Ewha campus disappears with ECC, and reborn is a campus where tradition and modernity coexist. Over 120 years of university’s history is preserved even as a space that opens to the future is born.

ECC is a space open to all Ewhaians and the center of Ewha. Ewhaians gather at ECC and from ECC reach out to the rest of the campus.

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“I hope that ECC will go beyond a physical space to be a garden of communication and meeting in the Ewha campus” - Dominique Perrault
As an architectural concept, ECC is an eco-friendly space which believes in sustainability. The giant glass cliff walls that seem like facing mirrors bring in natural light.

ECC utilizes the eco-friendly construction method where subterranean quality maintains a consistent temperature. ECC is the first in the country to use this method to reduce energy consumption. It is also the first building in the country to install a thermal labyrinth where heat that passes through the outside wall can travel through to preheat and precool. Another new system, in which geothermal energy, is used to heat and to cool, cutting down air conditioning and heating bills. Geothermal energy is also used in the Concrete Core Activation System which uses radiant heating and cooling, increasing indoor comfort.

The parking lot (750 spaces) on B2 can house in the majority of the school’s parked cars, transforming the ground into a pleasant, pedestrian-centered green campus. The top floor of ECC has been designed as a garden with the best ecological advantages. Bridal wreaths, green shrubs, azaleas and other flowering plants surround the path made of living rocks. They have not only expanded the campus green life, but have the eco-friendly function of mitigating heat island, processing rainwater, purifying the air, eliminating noise, and reducing energy consumption.

A feature of the underground building is to recycle spontaneously occurring groundwater and rain water from the roof garden as building and landscaping water.
ECC Unfolds a Ubiquitous Campus inside Ewha.
ECC houses the latest equipment in every area: reading rooms where electronic ID scanners are used to enter and allocate seats, U-classrooms with electronic whiteboards and video conferencing systems, a U-bulletin that instantly posts school news, a U-printing system that can find printed material with an automatic printer, and other high-tech facilities.

ECC connects academics, culture and life into one.
ECC supports a One-stop Campus Life. At ECC, students take classes, learn, hold discussions, eat their meals, exercise, and enjoy movies and cultural performances.

A Dream Campus that makes students want to stay all day
A beautiful, eco-friendly campus with comfort and convenience that makes people want to spend more time in it.