

Modern Architecture and its Utilization in Kagoshima and Perth

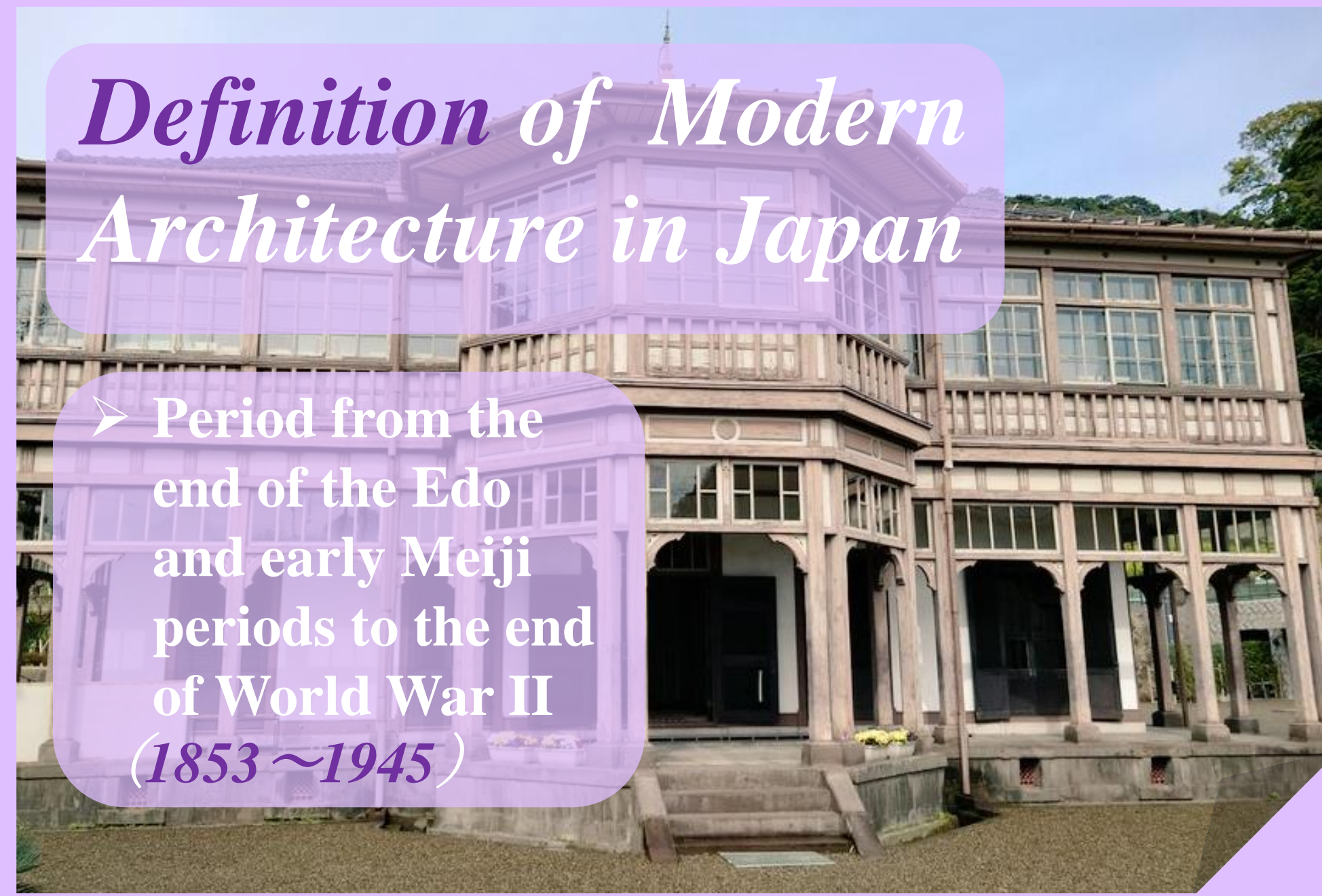
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1. Introduction

In Kagoshima, modern architecture is quite common. During my preliminary research into Perth, I realised that the retro buildings, which are famous as tourist attractions, are similar to those found in Kagoshima. Therefore, it may be possible to improve tourism in Kagoshima by comparing the utility of modern architecture between Kagoshima and Perth.

Definition of Modern Architecture in Japan

- Period from the end of the Edo and early Meiji periods to the end of World War II (1853~1945)

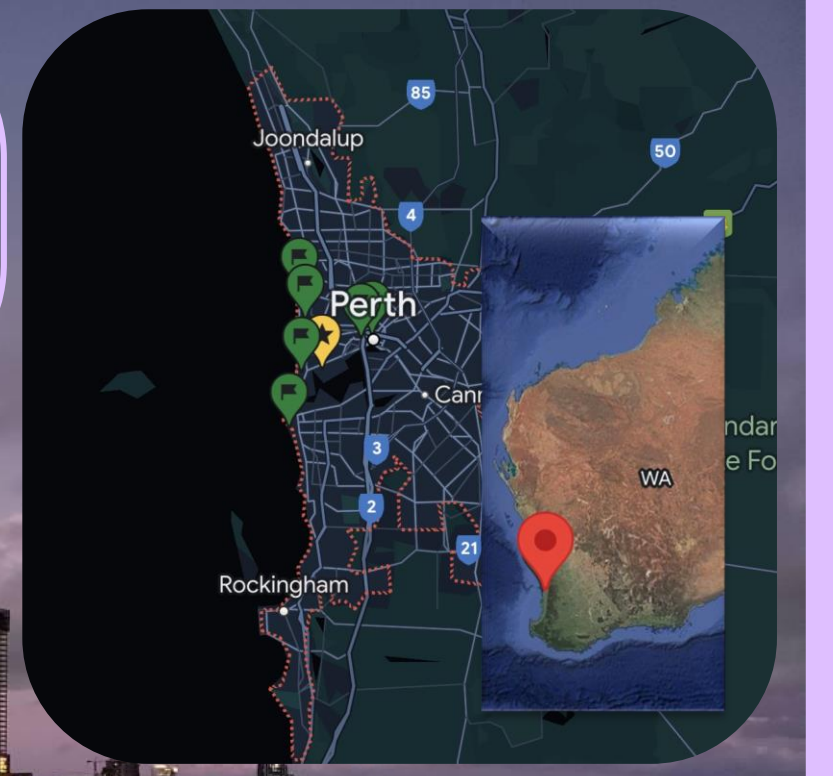


Perth

City in Australia

Get there
17h 40m
From Kagoshima

- Area: 6,418 km²
- Average weather: 30°C/19°C (high/low)
- Population: 1,985,000 (2016)
- Time difference: -1 hour (Kagoshima is 1 hour ahead of Perth)

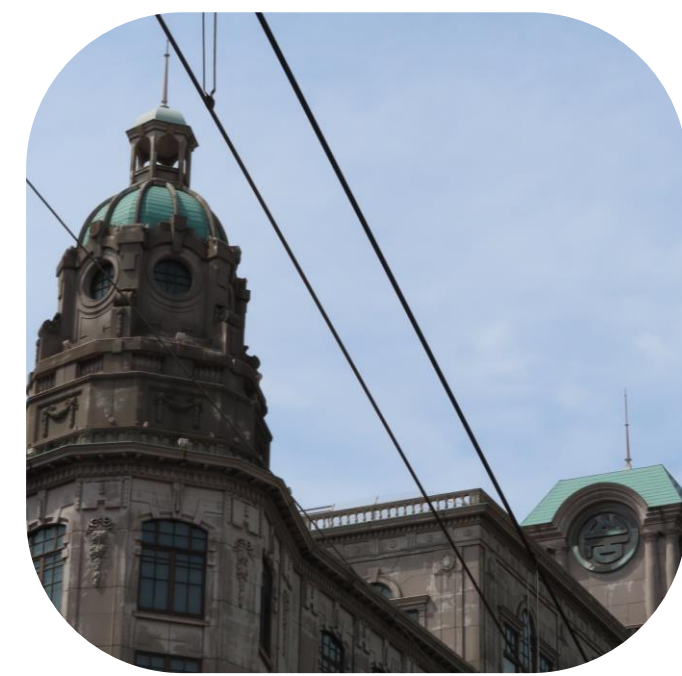


2. Survey and Results

Kagoshima

Yamakataya Kagoshima

- 1916 Inauguration of new Renaissance style steel-framed reinforced concrete shop
- 1932 New building completed
- 1945 Damaged by air raids



Former Prefectural Industry Museum

- Registered as a national tangible cultural property (building) (1998)
- Built in 1883 as the Prefectural Industry Centre
- Unique stone structure not often seen in buildings of the Meiji period



Starbucks Coffee Kagoshima Sengan-en Shop

Once the former residence of the Shimazu family and the Serigano Gold Mine, now a registered tangible cultural property.



Old Kagoshima Prison Front Gate



Perth

Fremantle Prison

- World Cultural Heritage Site (2010)
- Built in the 1850s
- Based on the Pentonville Prison in Britain
- Closed in 1991
- Tours started in 1992 (about six months after closure)



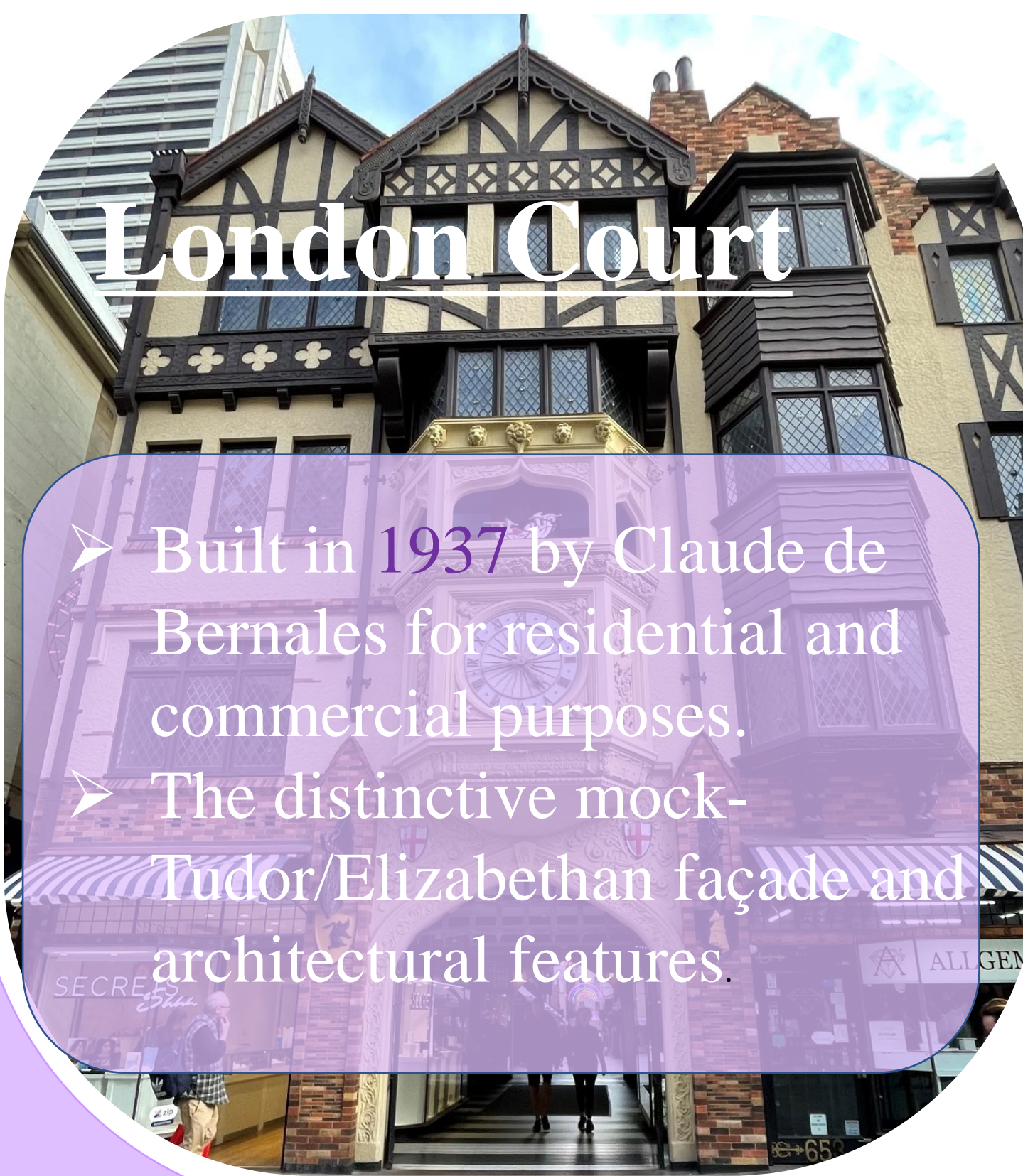
The Perth Mint

- Registered as a cultural monument
- 1893 Gold rush in the Kalgoorlie region
- 1899 Established as a branch of the Royal Mint



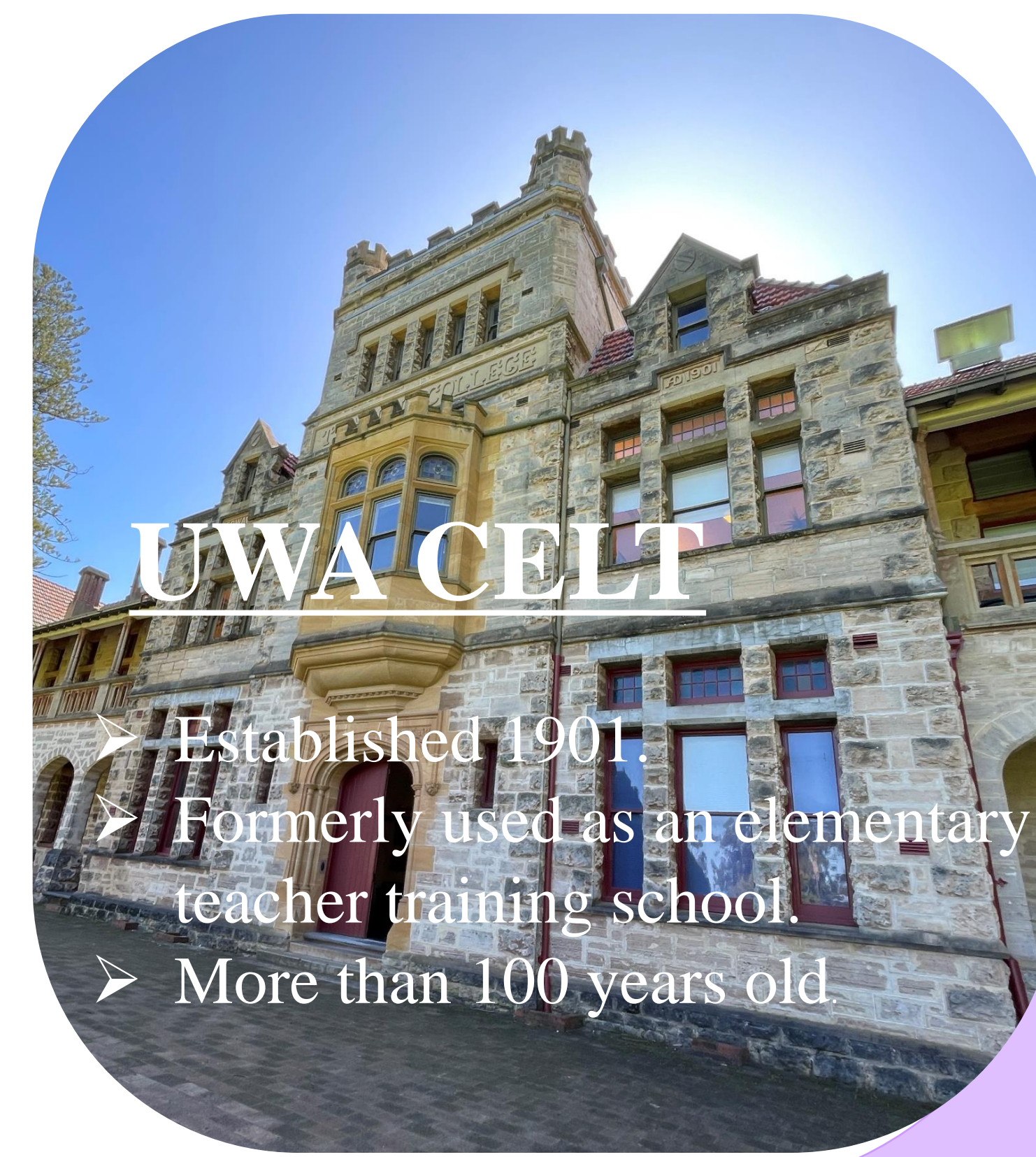
London Court

- Built in 1937 by Claude de Bernaldes for residential and commercial purposes.
- The distinctive mock-Tudor/Elizabethan façade and architectural features.



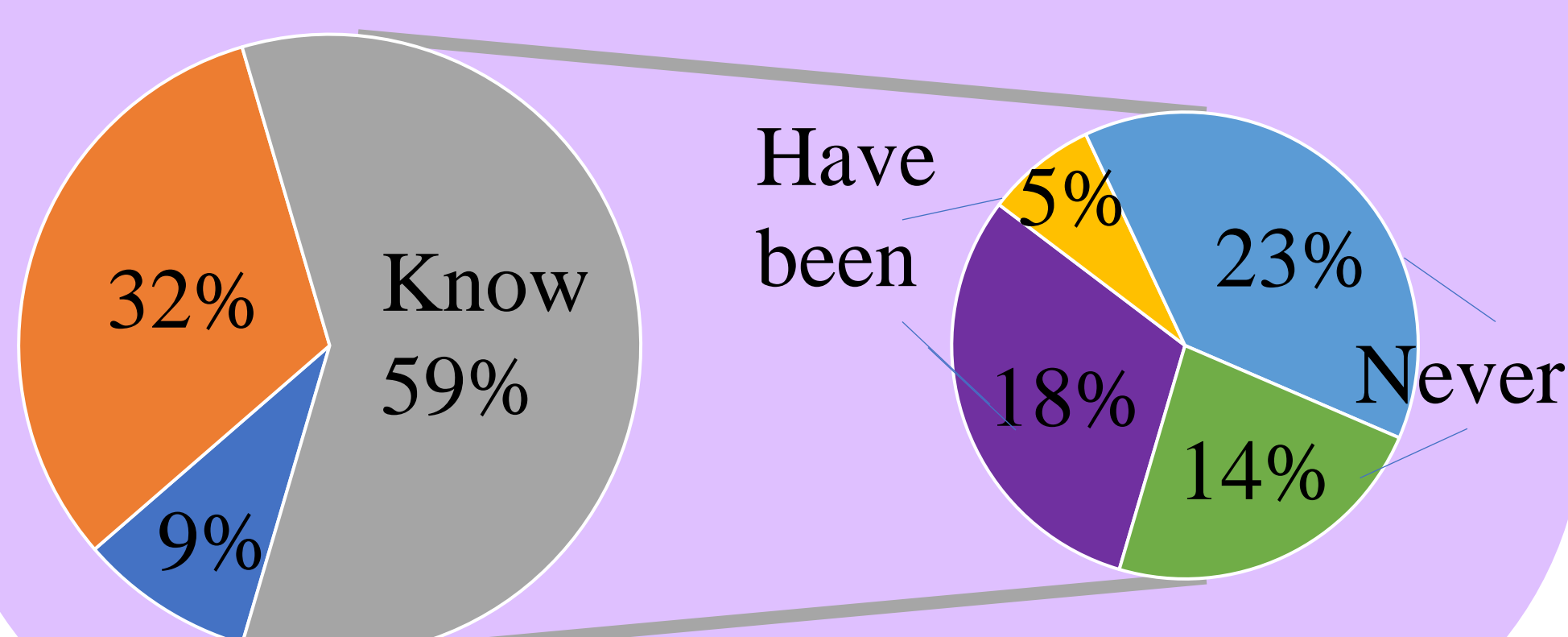
UWA CELT

- Established 1901
- Formerly used as an elementary teacher training school.
- More than 100 years old



Questionnaire Result

The Perth Mint recognition

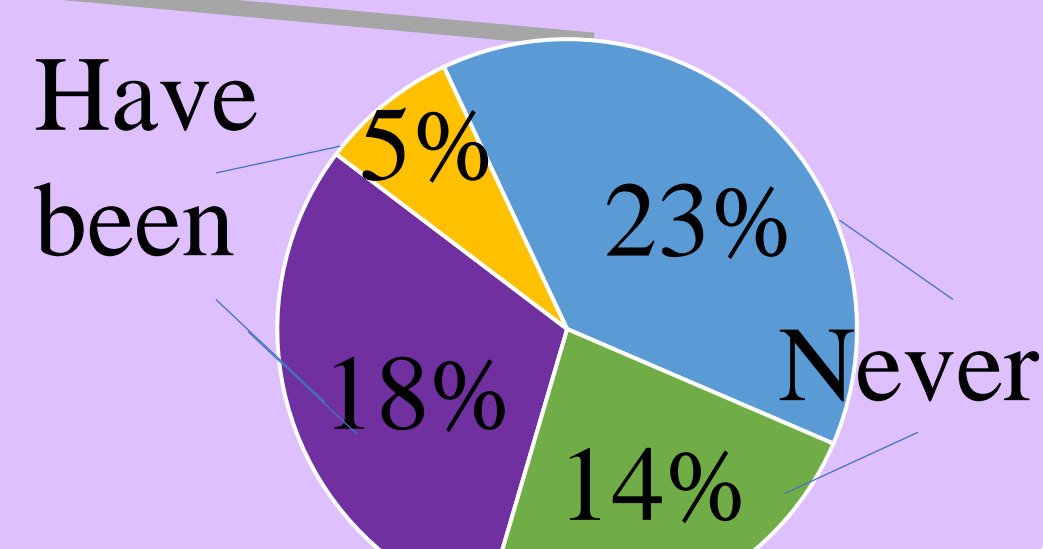


Of the respondents

- Know
- Don't know (Australians)
- Don't know (international students)

Of respondents who knew

- Have been (Australian respondents)
- Have been (international students)
- Never been (Australian respondents)
- Never been (international students)



4. Conclusion and Proposals

I have made a comparison between Perth and Kagoshima and found that although Kagoshima has wonderful modern architecture, it is not used as a tourist resource as Perth is. Therefore, I would like to propose that Kagoshima City be made a tourist city and that the concept of the entire city be based mainly on modern architecture. If you look at the buildings one by one, you may not be able to enter them due to ageing, or they may not be able to be used as tours, but if you look at them as a whole, you will be able to show the appeal of Kagoshima to the world through attractive tours.