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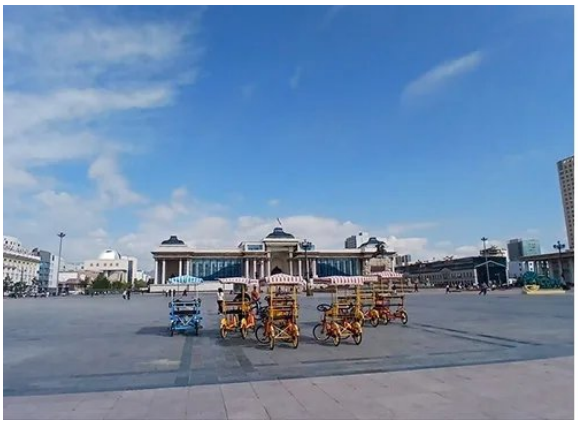


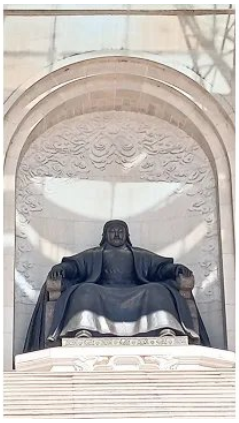
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On July 8, 1947, a monument to Sukhbaatar was unveiled. The sculptor was S. Choimbol. In 2005, the Sukhbaatar Mausoleum was dismantled, and in 2006, a large-scale reconstruction of the Government Palace was completed. During this reconstruction, statues of Genghis Khan, his two closest servants, Mukhali and Boorchu, and the two Great Khans of the Mongol Empire, Ögedei and Kublai, were installed in front of its façade.

Traditionally, all heads of government visiting Mongolia pay their respects to Genghis Khan at Sukhbaatar Square.

Currently, the square serves as a venue for public demonstrations, celebrations, concerts, and exhibitions.










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