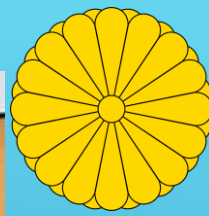


IMPERIAL HOUSE

HISTORY OF IMPERIAL FAMILY





Emperor Naruhito: 126th Emperor
enthroned 1 May 2019
Birthday 23 February 1960, Married 9 June
1993
Empress Masako : Former diplomat,
Graduated from Harvard University
Birthday 9 December 1963

The Emperor is "the symbol of the State
and of the unity of the people" under
the present constitution of Japan

High esteem to Imperial Family

Thanks to long consecutive effort by Imperial family, Japanese people respect our Emperor and Imperial family





Emperor Emeritus
Akihito
Abdicated in
October 2019



Emperor Naruhito:
126th Emperor



Crown Prince
Fumihito: Second
Son of the Emperor
Emeritus



Prince Hisahito:
Son of the
Crown Prince
Fumihito

According to Imperial House Law, only male-line male prince in Imperial family can succeed the Imperial Throne. Crown Prince Fumihito, Second Son of the Emperor Emeritus and younger brother of The Emperor Naruhito will succeed the next Imperial Throne and son of the Crown Prince, Prince Hisahito will be next.

History of Japanese Emperor

Emperor		Reign	
1	Jimmu	660 BC-585 BC	<u>Founder of the imperial dynasty</u> establishing power center in Yamato, descendant of the sun goddess Amaterasu and the storm god Susanoo
16	Nintoku	313–399	The largest kofun in Japan, Daisenryo Kofun, is commonly accepted as a tomb for the Emperor Nintoku
29	Kinmei	539-571	The first Emperor for whom contemporary historiography is able to assign verifiable dates
31	Suiko(Em press)	592-628	Consolidate a centralized government by establishing the Twelve Level Cap and Rank System and the Seventeen-article constitution by support of Prince Shōtoku
38	Tenji	661-672	Consolidate power of Imperial family after defeating rival clan “Soga” by Taika (Great) Reform (645) during his crown prince period
43	Genmei(Empress)	707-715	Establish and move to a new capital at the Heijō-kyō (710) at Nara, minted the oldest official coinage and published the <u>oldest myth "Kojiki"</u>
50	Kanmu	781-806	Establish and move to a new capital at the Heian-kyō (794) at Kyoto
82	Go-toba	1183-1198	<u>First shogunate was established (1192)</u> by Minamoto no Yoritomo; Kamakura shogunate, and the emperor became a figurehead.
96	Go-daigo	1318-1339	Overthrew the Kamakura shogunate (1333), established the short lived Kenmu Restoration, overthrown by Ashikaga Takauji; Ashikaga shogunate (1336)

Emperor		Reign	
107	Go-yozei	1586-1611	Assigned Tokugawa Ieyasu as shogun (1603), which effectively begins Edo bakufu, Tokugawa shogunate
121	Komei	1846-1867	Ended national seclusion and led collapse of the Tokugawa shogunate, the last emperor who lived whole life in Imperial palace in Kyoto
122	Meiji	1867-1912	Proclaimed restoration of Imperial rule at the end of Tokugawa shogunate by abolishing feudalism and establishing a modern democratic government. Changed capital to Tokyo. Enacted the Constitution of the Empire of Japan provided for a form of mixed constitutional and absolute monarchy, the Emperor of Japan was the <u>supreme leader</u> and the Prime Minister was the actual head of government. Promoted the <u>Meiji Restoration</u> adopting western ideas and production methods.
123	Taisho	1912-1926	Developed the two-party political system prompting a shift in political power to the Imperial Diet of Japan and the democratic parties
124	Syowa	1926-1989	Under the present constitution of Japan, became to " <u>the symbol of the State and of the unity of the people</u> ", the first reigning emperor to travel beyond Japan.
125	Emeritus Akihito	1989-2019	The first emperor abdicated after Meiji Restoration. Married Empress Emerita Michiko, the first commoner married into the Imperial Family

History of world empires

Name of empires	Current national name	End of empires	Last emperor
Empire of Brazil	Federative Republic of Brazil, Oriental Republic of Uruguay	1889	Pedro II
Qing dynasty	People's Republic of China	1912	Puyi
Russian Empire	Russian Federation	1917	Nicholas II
Austro-Hungarian Empire	Republic of Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Republic of Poland, etc	1918	Karl I & IV
German Empire (Imperial State of Germany)	Federal Republic of Germany	1918	Wilhelm II
Ottoman Empire	Republic of Turkey	1922	Ahmet Tevfik Pasha
British Raj (Indian Empire)	Republic of India, Islamic Republic of Pakistan	1948	George VI
Ethiopian Empire	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, State of Eritrea	1974	Haile Selassie
Persian Empire (Imperial Iran)	Islamic Republic of Iran	1979	Mohammad Reza Pahlavi