

The abdication of His Majesty the Emperor and the enthronement of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince

April 30, 2019, will mark His Majesty the Emperor's abdication of the throne. The Ceremony of the Abdication of His Majesty the Emperor at the *Seiden* State Hall (*Taiirei-Seiden-no-gi*) will take place on the same day.

The Ceremony for Inheriting the Imperial Regalia and Seals (*Kenji-to-Shokei-no-gi*) will take place the following day, May 1, in which the new Emperor inherits the Imperial Regalia and the State and Privy Seals upon His accession to the throne. Following this is the First Audience after the Accession to the Throne (*Sokui-go-Choken-no-gi*), in which the new Emperor meets with the representatives of the people of Japan.

Later in the year on October 22, the new Emperor will proclaim His enthronement at the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor at the *Seiden* State Hall (*Sokuirei-Seiden-no-gi*) and receive felicitations from representatives from both Japan and abroad. This will be followed by the Imperial Procession Following the Ceremony of the Enthronement (*Shukuga-Onretsu-no-gi*), in which His Majesty the Emperor travels by convertible from the Imperial Palace to His residence and receives congratulations from the general public along the way.

There will also be several Court Banquets (*Kyoen-no-gi*) after the Ceremony of the Enthronement on October 22, 25, 29 and 31, for His Majesty to receive congratulations from guests on His accession to the throne. Prime Minister and

foster a greater understanding of Japan by presenting displays of traditional Japanese culture.

Finally, the Ceremony for the Proclamation of the Crown Prince (*Rikkoshi-no-rei*) will take place on April 19, 2020, to proclaim the enthronement of His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino as the new Crown Prince.

Mrs. Abe will also host a banquet on October 23 to thank the visiting foreign heads of state and other dignitaries for attending the Enthronement Ceremony and to

Ceremony of the Abdication from the Throne (Schedule)

Date	Name of Ceremonies	Description	Venue
Apr 30	<i>Taiirei-Seiden-no-gi</i> : Ceremony of the Abdication of His Majesty the Emperor at the <i>Seiden</i> (State Hall)	Ceremony to announce the abdication to the people and for the Emperor to receive in audience the representatives of the people for the last time before the abdication.	Seiden-Matsuno-Ma (State Room) Imperial Palace

Ceremonies and Event related to the Accession to the Throne (Schedule)

Date	Name of Ceremonies	Description	Venue
May 1	<i>Kenji-to-Shokei-no-gi</i> : Ceremony for Inheriting the Imperial Regalia and Seals	Ceremony for the Emperor to inherit the Imperial Regalia (Sword and Jewel), which are treasures inherited together with the throne, as well as the State and Privy Seals, as proof of his accession to the throne.	Seiden-Matsuno-Ma (State Room) Imperial Palace
	<i>Sokui-go-Choken-no-gi</i> : First Audience after the Accession to the Throne	Ceremony for the Emperor to receive in audience the representatives of the people for the first time after the accession to the throne.	Seiden-Matsuno-Ma (State Room) Imperial Palace
Oct 22	<i>Sokuirei-Seiden-no-gi</i> : Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor at the <i>Seiden</i> (State Hall)	Ceremony to proclaim the enthronement and to receive felicitations from representatives from home and abroad.	Imperial Palace
	<i>Shukuga-Onretsu-no-gi</i> : Imperial Procession by motorcar after the Ceremony of the Enthronement	Procession to show the new Emperor to the people after the Enthronement Ceremony and to receive their good wishes.	From Imperial Palace to (Akasaka Imperial Grounds)
Oct 22, 25, 29, 31	<i>Kyoen-no-gi</i> : Court Banquets after the Ceremony of the Enthronement	Court banquets to celebrate the enthronement and receive the congratulations of the guests.	Imperial Palace
Oct 23	<i>Naikaku-Soridaijin-Fusai-Shusai-Bansankai</i> : Banquet hosted by Prime Minister and his / her spouse	Banquet for foreign heads of State, royals, prime ministers and other representatives, etc.	Hotel New Otani

Ceremonies for Proclamation of Crown Prince (*Rikkoshi-no-rei*) (Schedule)

Date	Name of Ceremonies	Description	Venue
Apr 19, 2020	<i>Rikkoshi-Senmei-no-gi</i> : Ceremony for Proclamation of Crown Prince	Ceremony to proclaim that Prince Fumihito has become the Crown Prince and for the representatives from home and abroad to express felicitations.	Imperial Palace
	<i>Choken-no-gi</i> : First Audience	Ceremony for the Emperor and Empress to meet the Crown Prince for the first time after the Ceremony for Proclamation of Crown Prince.	Imperial Palace