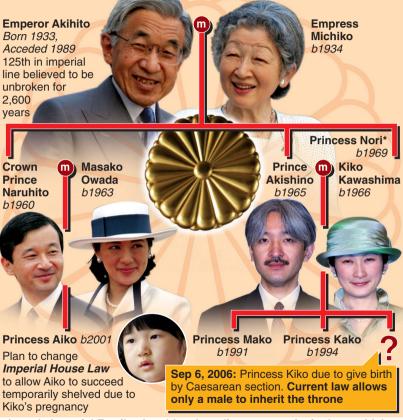
New heir to Chrysanthemum Throne?

Japan's Princess Kiko, the wife of Emperor Akihito's second son, is soon to give birth to her third child. If Kiko has a boy, he would be a potential future heir as his uncle. Crown Prince Naruhito, has a daughter but no sons



Japan's Imperial Family, the oldest hereditary monarchy in the world, has failed to produce a male heir since Prince Akishino was born in 1965

*Left Imperial Family in 2005 on marriage to commoner, as required by law Source: Japanese Imperial Household

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