



# Emperor Naruhito enthroned

Dignitaries from nearly 200 countries will attend the formal enthronement of Emperor Naruhito as the 126th ruler of the world's oldest continuing hereditary monarchy



**May 1, 2019: Naruhito** ascends Chrysanthemum Throne after abdication of his father, **Akihito**

**Enthronement Ceremony**  
*Sokuirei Seiden no gi*

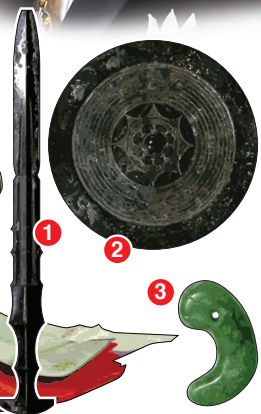
**Oct 22, 13:00 (local time):** Naruhito proclaims his enthronement from imperial **Takamikura** throne in state room of Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Empress has smaller throne, called **Michodai**

**Kanmuri crown:**  
Simple flat base with towering 60cm tail

**Emperor Naruhito, 59:** Ceremonial **sokutai** attire includes voluminous brown-gold outer robe with long, wide sleeves. Only emperor is allowed to wear this colour, and only for important rituals

**Shaku:**  
Flat ritual sceptre made of wood

**Empress Masako, 55:** Multi-layered kimono known as **junihitoe**, elaborate hairstyle and large golden hairpiece



**13:30:** Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** delivers congratulatory message, followed by three "banzai" cheers and firing of 21-gun military salute



**Parade**  
*Shukuga-Onretsuno-gi*

**Nov 10:** Emperor and Empress set out on 4.6km route through central Tokyo in custom-made **Toyota Century** convertible adorned with imperial chrysanthemum crests

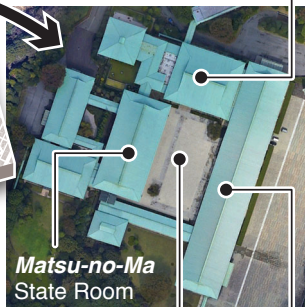
**Couple arrives at Akasaka Imperial Residence**  
30 minutes later

**Nov 14-15: Daijosai – Great Thanksgiving Ceremony** – concludes key succession rituals

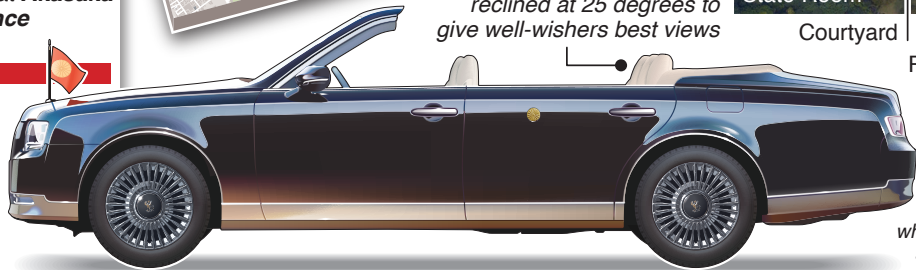


**Imperial Regalia\*:** Emperor takes possession of Three Sacred Treasures – sword (1), mirror (2), and gem (3) – said to have been given by Sun goddess, **Amaterasu**, to first emperor of Japan

**IMPERIAL PALACE**  
State Banquet Hall



**Toyota Century:**  
Seats raised and reclined at 25 degrees to give well-wishers best views



**Reception Hall**

*\*Artistic impressions of regalia, which are never seen in public*