

## Presentation of Credentials

The Presentation of Credentials is a ceremony in which new ambassadors to Japan present their credentials to the Emperor. To attend the ceremony, most new ambassadors ride in a procession of ceremonial horse-drawn carriages from the Meiji Seimei Kan Building to the Imperial Palace.



Ceremonial horse-drawn carriages on their way to the Imperial Palace

(Outward route)

Meiji Seimei Kan → Babasakimon Intersection (right) → Imperial Palace Plaza → Imperial Palace Front Gate → Imperial Palace South Entrance

(Return route)

Imperial Palace South Entrance → Imperial Palace Front Gate → Imperial Palace Plaza → Wadakuramon Intersection (right) → Meiji Seimei Kan

### 【 Schedule for the Presentation of Credentials 】

The procession of ceremonial horse-drawn carriages is due to be held on **Tuesday, April 11 and Friday, April 14**. Carriages will leave the Meiji Seimei Kan Building and pass along the Imperial Palace Plaza at around **10:05 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** on their way to the Imperial Palace.

When you look at the procession of ceremonial horse drawn carriages, you are requested to cooperate for the following matters.

(1) Please avoid viewing the procession from the footpath, as this will block other pedestrians from passing. Please view the procession from the outer garden of the Imperial Palace (e.g. the area around the Double Bridge).

(2) I wish you to take consideration of keeping silence and not to interfere with the progression of ceremonial horse-drawn carriages or other traffic. In particular, please refrain from any action that may startle the horses, such as taking flash photos or trying to move alongside them. We hope you will give your full cooperation for the safe traffic of horse-drawn-carriages.

※ In the case that inclement weather is forecast for the day of the procession, or high temperatures or strong sunshine are forecast that would cause the ground to become very hot, the procession of horse-drawn carriages will be replaced by a limousine procession. The latest information is available on the Imperial Household Agency website. Please check the following page on the day of the planned procession.