

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 Tokyo Station Building to the Imperial Palace.



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

(Outward route)

Tokyo Station → Gyoko-dori, Wadakuramon Intersection (straight through) → Imperial Palace Outer Gardens → Imperial Palace Main Gate → Imperial Palace South Porch

(Return route)

Imperial Palace South Porch → Imperial Palace Main Gate → Imperial Palace Outer Gardens → Wadakuramon Intersection (straight through), Gyoko-dori → Tokyo Station

【 Schedule for the Presentation of Credentials 】

The procession of ceremonial horse-drawn carriages is due to be held on **Friday, February 16**. The carriages will leave the Tokyo Station Building and pass along the Imperial Palace Outer Gardens at around **10:05 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** on their way to the Imperial Palace.

As you watch the procession, you are requested to cooperate with the following:

- (1) Please avoid viewing the procession from the footpath, as this will block other pedestrians from passing. Please view the procession from the outer gardens of the Imperial Palace (e.g. the area around the Nijubashi Bridge).
- (2) Please remain quiet so as not to interfere with the progression of the 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 passage of the carriages.

※ If inclement weather is forecast for the day of the procession, or if 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.