

# The Enthronement Ceremony of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan

On 22 October 2019, the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan was held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.



His Majesty the Emperor delivering the Imperial Address at the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor at the Seiden (State Hall)

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan succeeded to the Imperial Throne in accordance with the Constitution of Japan and the Special Measures Law on the Imperial House Law on 1 May 2019, after the abdication of his father, the current Emperor Emeritus, on the previous day. On 22 October, His Majesty performed the Ceremony of Enthronement at the Seiden (State Hall) and proclaimed His Enthronement to those at home and abroad.

His Majesty the Emperor's proclamation read in part as follows:

*I deeply reflect anew that for more than 30 years on the Throne, His Majesty the Emperor Emeritus constantly prayed for the happiness of the people and world peace, always sharing in the joys and sorrows of the people, and showing compassion through his own bearing. I pledge hereby that I shall act according to the Constitution and fulfill my responsibility as the symbol of the State and of the unity of the people of Japan, while always wishing for the happiness of the people and the peace of the world, turning my thoughts to the people and standing by them.*

*I sincerely hope that our country, through our people's wisdom and unceasing efforts, achieves further development and contributes to the friendship and peace of the international community and the welfare and prosperity of humankind.*

Among the international dignitaries participating in the Ceremony of the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor at the Seiden, Their Excellencies General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Mrs Linda Hurley attended from Australia.

In the evening, a court banquet to celebrate the Enthronement was hosted by His Majesty the Emperor at the Imperial Palace, and the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley were among the honoured guests.

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## Consul-General Kiya meets the Premier of NSW



Consul-General Kiya Masahiko paid a courtesy call on the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, on 23 January 2020. Western Sydney development was among the many topics discussed. The Consul-General also expressed his heartfelt sympathies for the victims of the bushfires on behalf of the people and Government of Japan.

## Consul-General Kiya visits Darwin

Soon after assuming his post as Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Consul-General Kiya Masahiko visited Darwin from 17 to 19 November 2019.

As his first official visit, Consul-General Kiya paid courtesy calls on Her Honour the Hon. Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory (pictured below), the Hon. Michael Gunner MLA, Chief Minister of the NT, and The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor Mr Kon Vatskalis, Lord Mayor of Darwin. They exchanged views about working to further strengthen NT-Japan ties.

The Consul-General also met with members of the local Japanese community, including with Australian-Japanese Association of the NT (AJANT).

Consul-General Kiya would like to do all he can to build on the outcomes of Prime Minister Abe's visit to Darwin in November 2018 and increase the momentum of the ever developing ties between Japan and the NT.

\* The Consul-General wrote about his visit to Darwin in his No.3 newsletter (see below right).

