

The Official Duties of His Majesty the Emperor

The Emperor performs those acts of state which are provided for in the Constitution, such as appointing the Prime Minister and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, attesting the appointment of Ministers of State and other high officials, convoking the National Diet, promulgating laws and treaties, awarding honors, attesting the credentials of Japanese ambassadors leaving for overseas as well as receiving foreign ambassadors to Japan. In these matters of state, He acts on the advice and approval of the Cabinet.



Emperor Akihito performs official duties. (February 2003)



Emperor Akihito appoints Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. (December 2012)



Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko receive the Diplomatic Corps in the *Matsu no Ma* (State Room) for the New Year's Reception. (January 2012)



Emperor Akihito convokes the Diet. (January 2011)