

Official Visits within Japan

Their Majesties have visited all 47 prefectures and many of the remote islands of Japan. They make at least three domestic trips every year, attending the National Sports Festival, the National Harbour Day Festival and the National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea, which are held in different prefectures in rotation. The last two festivals have the theme of promoting forestry and fisheries while protecting the natural environment. On Their domestic trips, besides meeting the community leaders, They always visit welfare, cultural or industrial facilities to give encouragement to the local people involved. Especially concerned about welfare, They have visited more than 400 facilities for children, the elderly and the handicapped throughout the country.



Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko talk to senior citizens working at Koto-ku Silver Human Resource Center. (September 2009)



Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko talk with persons with disabilities at Maihama Business Service Corporation in Chiba. (December 2007)



Emperor Akihito joins children and talks to them at Yakumo Nursery School in Meguro, Tokyo. (May 2007)