

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

Ceremony to proclaim the enthronement and to receive felicitations from representatives from home and abroad

Guests Representatives and spouses
Heads of the Diplomatic Mission

Venue Imperial Palace

Time October 22nd, 13:00 -13:30

Program

- His Majesty the Emperor appears in Seiden-Matsu-no-Ma (State Room) (Chamberlains hold the Imperial Regalia (Sword and Jewel), State and Privy Seals, following behind)
- His Majesty the Emperor ascends to the Imperial Throne for the Emperor (Chamberlains lay the Imperial Regalia (Sword and Jewel), State and Privy Seals on the table of the Imperial Throne for the Emperor)
- Her Majesty the Empress appears in Seiden-Matsu-no-Ma (State Room)
- Her Majesty the Empress ascends to the August Seat of the Empress
- Paying of respects by guests
- Address by His Majesty the Emperor
- Congratulatory words by the Prime Minister
- Three cheers
- His Majesty the Emperor exits the room (Chamberlains hold the Imperial Regalia (Sword and Jewel), State and Privy Seals, following behind)
- Her Majesty the Empress exits the room

Attire

Men	Women
(1) white tie	(1) long dress
(2) national attire	(2) national attire
(3) morning coat	(3) day dress
Decorations may be worn.	

(Images; November, 1990)



Seiden: State Hall of the Imperial Palace



H.M. the Emperor, making an address at the Ceremony



Ceremonial officials and items placed in the courtyard

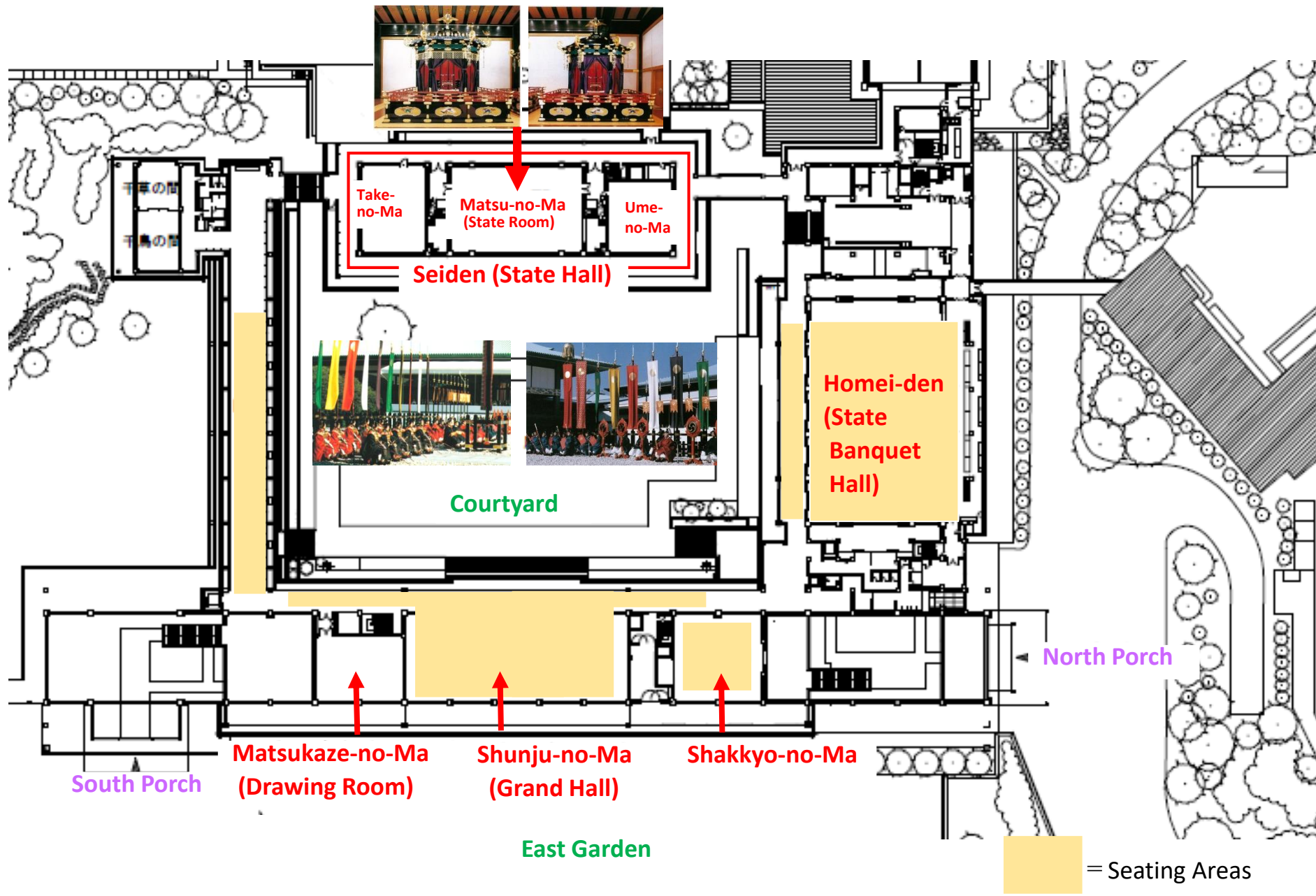



Imperial Throne for the Emperor



August Seat of the Empress

The Imperial Palace



 = Seating Areas

Court Banquet after the Ceremony of the Enthronement

Court banquet to celebrate the enthronement and receive the congratulations of the guests

Guests Representatives and spouses

Venue Imperial Palace

Time October 22nd, 19:20 -22:50

Program

- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress enter Seiden-Take-no-Ma (Audience Room).
- Greetings to guests from within Japan
- Greetings to foreign guests
- Guests are shown the Imperial Throne for the Emperor and August Seat of the Empress in Seiden-Matsu-no-Ma (State Room)
- Guests are treated to aperitifs or other drinks in Shunju-no-Ma (Grand Hall)
- Guests are entertained by bugaku, traditional Japanese court music accompanied by dancing, in Shunju-no-Ma (Grand Hall)
- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress enter Homei-Den (State Banquet Hall)
- Banquet
- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress enter Shunju-no-Ma (Grand Hall)
- After-dinner drinks are served
- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress enter Matsukaze-no-Ma (Drawing Room)
- Greetings to foreign guests
- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress exit the room

Attire

Men	Women
(1) white tie (2) national attire (Tuxedo is also available)	(1) long evening dress (2) national attire
Decorations may be worn.	

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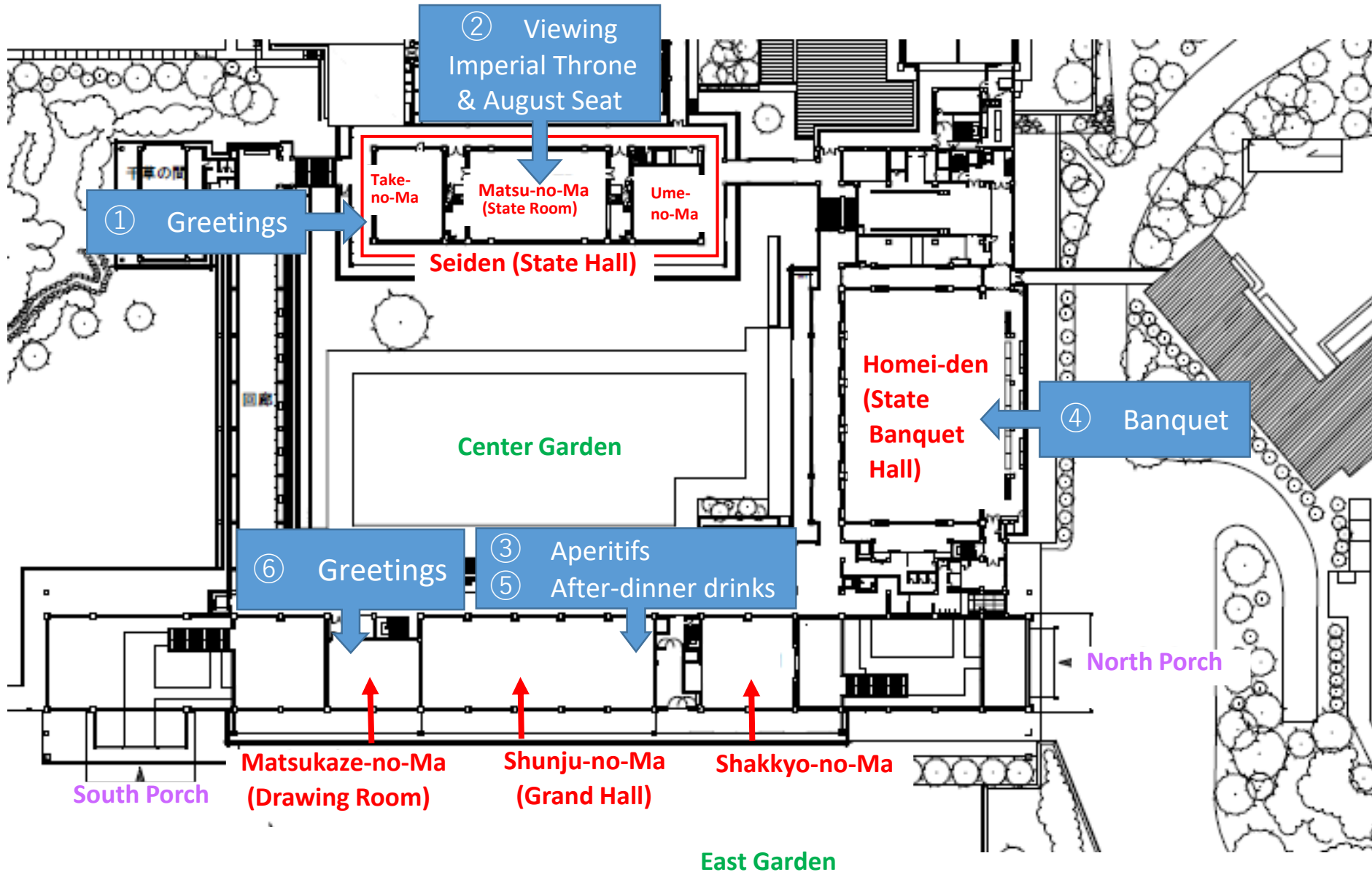


Banquet for the foreign guests of honor



Guests seeing the Imperial Throne for the Emperor and the August Seat of the Empress

The Imperial Palace



Court Banquet after the Ceremony of the Enthronement

Court banquet to celebrate the enthronement and receive the congratulations of the guests

Guests Heads of the Diplomatic Mission / Delegation
and their spouses

Venue Imperial Palace

Time October 31st, 15:00-15:50

Program

- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress appear Shunju-no-Ma (Grand Hall)
- Address by His Majesty the Emperor
- Congratulatory words from the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
- Toast
- Buffet-style meal (standing)
- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress exit Shunju-no-Ma (Grand Hall)

Attire

	Men	Women
	(1) national attire	(1) long evening dress
	(2) morning coat	(2) national attire
		(3) day dress

Banquet hosted by Prime Minister and his spouse

Banquet for foreign heads of State, royals, prime ministers and other representatives , etc.

Guests Representatives and spouses
and other two representatives of the country /
organization

Venue Hotel New Otani Tokyo

Time October 23rd, 18:00 -21:00

Program

- Cocktails in the Fuyo banquet room
- The Prime Minister and his spouse greet guests.
- Guests then move to the Tsuru banquet room.
- Cultural performance
“Sanba-so ” Kyogen, Kabuki & Bunraku performance
“Shakkyo ” Noh performance
- Banquet
- Speech and toast by the Prime Minister
- Guests exit the room

Attire

Men	Women
lounge suit or national attire	cocktail dress or national attire

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Foreign guests viewing the cultural performance

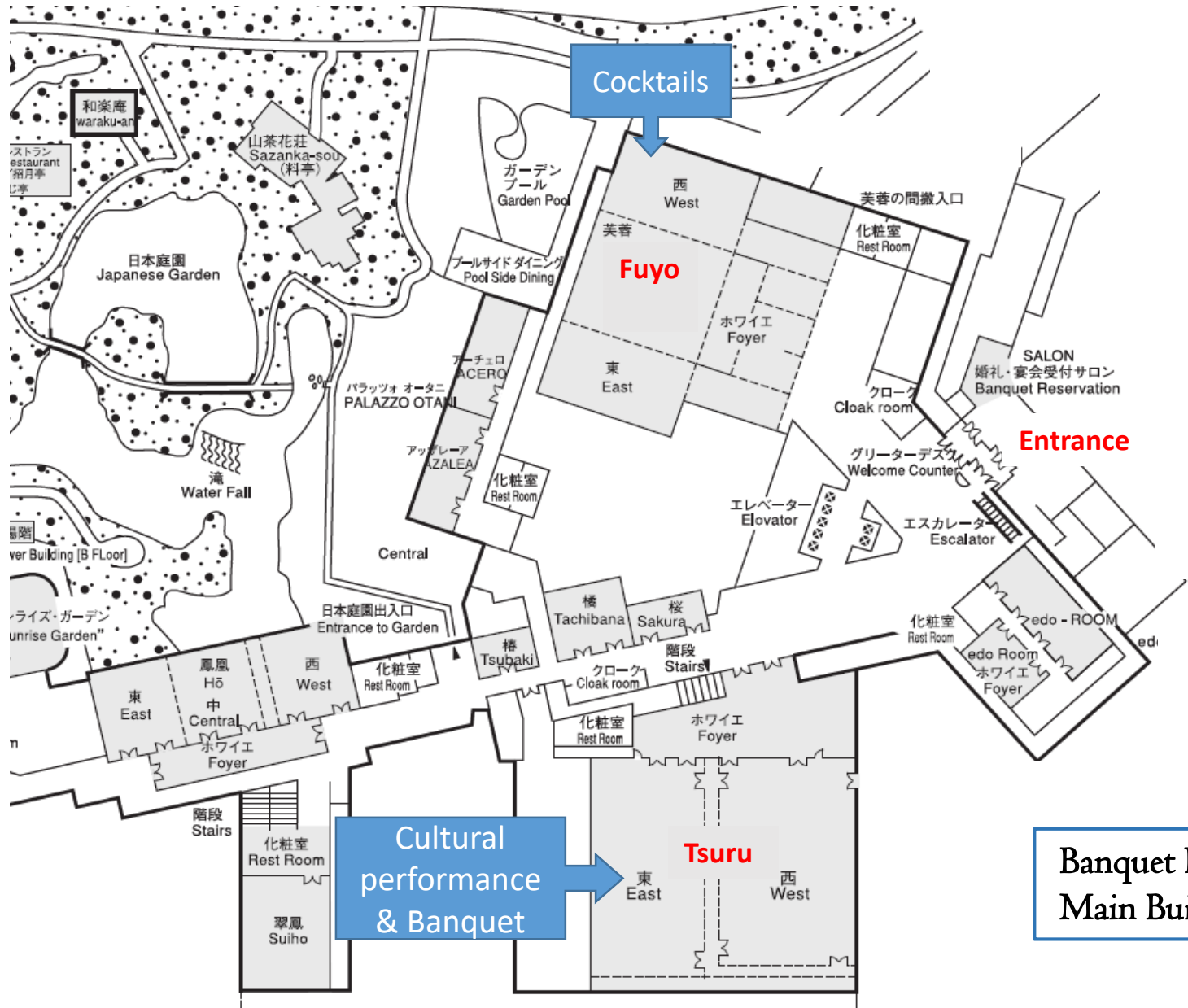


Prime Minister giving an
address to the guests



The cultural performance

Hotel New Otani Tokyo



Cocktails

Fuyo

Entrance

Cultural performance & Banquet

Tsuru

Banquet Floor, Main Building