

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo News Release

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo Holds “Noh Japanese Classical Drama Performance and Luncheon Party” Celebrating 45th Anniversary of Hotel’s Operations



TOKYO - [Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo \(KPH\)](#), one of Japan’s most prestigious international hotels located in Shinjuku, Tokyo, will hold a “Noh Japanese Classical Drama Performance and Luncheon Party” on June 16th, 2016, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of our hotel’s operations in June. Noh is a classical style of Japanese musical drama and is one of the world’s oldest major dramatic form of arts performed since the 14th century in Japan. In this event, an excerpt from Noh drama will be performed by prominent Noh performer Yoshimasa Kanze and provided with special commentary on the performance. Along with the Noh performance, meals with gourmet menu items specially prepared by Executive Chef Hiroshi Ichikawa will also be served to attendants of the performance. In addition, an exhibition displaying various Noh masks, costumes, paintings and photos of Noh performance will be held in the lobby of our Hotel in cooperation with the National Noh Theatre from June 1 to 29, 2016.

The Noh drama to be performed is based upon an arrangement of the “Tale of the Heike,” (Heike is a term used for the Taira Family), a story about the most influential families that dominated politics during the late Heian Period of Japan (794 and 1185), created by Zeami. This performance depicts an epic battle between Heike Family and a rival family clan, which results in the beheading of a Heike family member Taira no Atsumori. A Noh performer will also provide commentary to make the highly stylized Noh drama easy to understand for the attendants.

Yoshimasa Kanze, a leading member of the Kanze School will perform the Noh drama. In addition to performing various Noh dramas at various Noh theatres throughout Japan, Yoshimasa also instructs Noh performers in Japan and overseas with a goal of expanding the performing art of Noh.



The Keio Plaza Hotel is a truly global hotel and hosts visitors from over 100 different countries around the world. As part of our services provided to both foreign and Japanese guests, our hotel holds various exhibitions and events highlighting various cultural and natural aspects of Japan including “Arita Porcelain Art”, “Hinamatsuri (Traditional Girls’ Doll Festival),” “Mt. Fuji” and numerous other events. And to commemorate the 45th anniversary of operations of the Keio Plaza Hotel, we will host a traditional Noh drama, which has been registered as an Important Intangible Cultural Property by the UNESCO, as part of our ongoing efforts to provide our guests with educational and entertaining events and services.

■Special Luncheon Event Commemorating Hotel’s 45th Anniversary of Operations “Noh Japanese Classical Drama Performance and Luncheon Party”

Date: June 16 (Thursday), 2016, 11:00 AM Reception *Reservations required

From 11:30a.m. Noh Performance,

From 1:00p.m. Lunch Service

Fee: JPY17,000 (Including Noh performance, lunch, service charge and tax)

Noh Performer: Yoshimasa Kanze

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*June 1 (Wednesday) to 29 (Wednesday), 2016

“Japan Cultural Exhibition - Traditional Noh” held in cooperation with the National Noh Theatre



About the Keio Plaza Hotel

[Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo \(KPH\)](#), located in Shinjuku at the very heart of the nation’s capital Tokyo, is one of Japan’s leading international hotels. Our hotel boasts of over 20 restaurants and bars, and we host a wide range of local and international guests who visit us for our open and welcoming facilities, top-notch services, and warm hospitality. For more information about our facilities and services, please visit our [website](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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