

Keio Plaza Hotel Tama

Rooms with character

On June 15, we will open new Sanrio character-themed rooms at Keio Plaza Hotel Tama. Four rooms have been renovated, two featuring My Melody and two featuring Little Twin Stars. The charm of these rooms will delight children and adults alike and will make for a truly memorable stay.

We are also proud to introduce a new photographic spot in our lobby where guests of all ages can take a picture with Princess Kitty, designed especially for Keio Plaza Hotel Tama. The 3D Hello Kitty model is wearing a beautiful dress and tiara, giving her an air of royalty





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OUR PREMIER SERVICES

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The ultimate relaxation in your favorite chair





Guests staying on our luxurious Premier Grand Club Floors get exclusive access to the Premier Grand Club Lounge, a special lounge located on the 45th floor, which boasts magnificent views and various forms of enjoyment and relaxation. In the lounge's six zones, such as the dining area and library, there are 22 different types of their respective space — so that you can come and relax in your favorite chair.

By the window in the lounge zone is the Butterfly Stool, a masterpiece of design released in 1954 and created by Mr. Sori Yanagi, who was a leading industrial designer in Japan at the time. His Butterfly Stools have been housed in the worldrenowned art galleries MOMA and the Louvre Museum as part of their permanent chairs and 15 varieties of tables with differ- collections. Enjoy the ultimate in relaxation ent designs — each tailored specifically to in your favorite zone, within this luxurious space, together with our original coffee blend made for you by our hotel barista.

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The Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo offers special room rates for members.



Executive Prime Executive Bloom

Member rate advantages

- Priority stay reservations
- Extended checkouts upon request (Prime: until 1:00 p.m. / Royal: until 3:00p.m.)
- Free use of the fitness room, and Sky Pool (summer only)

- Fruit plate service for stays longer than seven nights
- Extra fees for the Express laundry service will be waived (for Royal members only)

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The Beauty Behind the Power



Cutting across generations

Japanese swords and armor on display

From 1185 to 1868 — the age of the noble samurai and the mighty shogun — Japanese history was significantly shaped by the Japanese sword, or katana. Today, the katana and the armor of the samurai have become known around the world both as important cultural artefacts and arresting works of art

From Thursday, April 25 to Thursday, June 27, Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo will be honoring this legacy with a special exhibition, "The Soul and Beauty of Japan's Swords and Armor by Legend-

In the third-floor lobby of the hotel, we will have seven katana on display from across Japanese history, going back as far as the Heian period (794-1185) all the way up to the present-day Heisei period. By examining these swords, guests will gain a clearer understanding of the various sword-making techniques of different eras, as well as how this craft has been refined and improved throughout the ages.

In addition to the expertly forged blades, we will be displaying tsuba, the ornately decorated hand guards that adorn katana, whose intricate details can only truly be appreciated up close. We will also be putting the swords' elegant scabbards on show, which will mesmerize you with their lacquer and ornaments. We will also be exhibiting Japanese armor, including dou cuirasses and kabuto helmets, which reveal the skill of the craftspeople to both protect warriors and create exquisite art objects.



Tsuba (sword guard) Made by Umetada Munetake



Kozuka (small utility knife) and Kogai (grooming utensil)

Dishes to make children healthy, brave, and strong

Special Children's Day menu at Soujuan

The sword and armor display is part of our annual celebration of Tango no Sekku (Children's Day, until recently known as Boys' Day) on May 5, when families pray for young boys to grow up healthy, brave, and strong. To celebrate this national holiday, our seasonal cuisine restaurant Soujuan will be serving a special Children's Day menu from May 1 to May 31, with food themed around kabuto armor, traditionally displayed at this time of year.



Sharpen your knowledge

A quick-draw sword performance and a lecture on katana

We will be hosting a demonstration of iai-jutsu (or quick-draw sword art) with Kunikazu Yahagi, the head of the Ryushin Shouchi Ryu swordsmanship school, on Tuesday, May 14 from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. Master Yahagi will also participate in a sword fighting demonstration in a duel against another of the school's senior instructors, Hiroshi Narumi. It is sure to be an exciting performance that will illustrate the skill and grace of the katana in action. The performance is free to attend, and commentary will be in Japanese and English.

Manga comics artist Kimiko Kamata has

helped reignite interest in Japanese swords in Japan — especially among the younger

generation — through her comic KATANA, which features legendary anthropomorphized swords. Kamata's artwork from KATANA will be on display through the period of the exhibition. Also, special ukiyo-e color prints — an art form born during the Edo period (1603-1868) — that feature swords will be on display and available for sale. Included in the exhibition will be works by the renowned artists Kuniyoshi Utagawa and Kunisada.

