

## Start 2020 with a little indulgence

*Treat yourself to our Berry Lovely Pink strawberry buffet*

'Tis the season for strawberries. Our all-day dining restaurant Jurin is offering some delectable desserts at our Strawberry Sweets Buffet. Guests can choose from a variety of treats, including strawberry tarts, shortcake, and pink *baumkuchen* adorned with strawberries.

We are also serving strawberry-topped chocolate gateau cake made from 100% Valrhona chocolate. For those who want an extra helping, we have created a special dessert station where guests can create their own desserts using fresh, delicious strawberries. Don't miss this great chance to savor the season.



### OUR PREMIER SERVICES

Premier Grand

## The Imperial Suite

*The pride of the hotel*

When Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo opened as Japan's first skyscraper hotel, the legendary interior designer Isamu Kenmochi, known today as a founder of modern Japanese design, took command of the entire hotel's interior design, including the Imperial Suite on the 41st floor. The textures and natural materials used in the room reminds one of elegant tea ceremony rooms.

Together with his original furniture and fixtures, as well as artwork by distinguished artists, Kenmochi's design has been kept just as it was when it was created. In the spacious living room, there are numerous works of art to captivate your attention, including the six-panel Yayoi Japanese folding screen by the well-known master of

Japanese painting, Matazo Kayama, Kiichi Sumikawa's woodwork art "Peacock", and Isamu Noguchi's "AKARI".

The Imperial Suite has welcomed many state guests and VIPs from all around the world, such as the legendary world boxing champion Muhammad Ali. He came to Japan in 1976 for his match against Antonio Inoki at the Nippon Budokan arena. Ali spent several peaceful days at our hotel ahead of the fight, playing his favourite tunes on the white grand piano in the Imperial Suite and going for jogs at the break of dawn.

This room has been around since the opening of our hotel and has countless unforgettable memories engraved in its history.

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# A wellspring of beauty

## All dolled up for spring

*Discover the history and beauty of Hina-Matsuri, the Girls' Doll festival*

Every year on the third day of March, Japan observes Hina-Matsuri, known in English as Girls' Day or the Doll Festival — a day to pray for the continued growth, health and happiness of the nation's girls and women. And it is an annual tradition that we celebrate at Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo.

This year, from February 1 to March 26, we will be exhibiting our tiered stand of dolls, called a *hina-dan*, in the 3rd floor main lobby to give our guests from around the world the opportunity to learn about Hina-Matsuri and experience its beauty first-hand. On this large stand sit exquisitely made dolls of the Emperor and Empress, ladies in waiting, and musicians, representing the court of the Heian period (794-1185 AD).

On the top level, the Emperor sits next to a vase of cherry blossoms on the left, while the Empress sits next to branches of orange blossoms on the right. This arrangement reflects the ancient

Imperial Palace, which had cherry blossoms on its west side and orange blossoms on the east. The display is also garlanded with peach blossoms, symbolizing the start of spring. Every year, it is a popular photo spot for guests and visitors, and this year will be no exception, with eye-catching artificial flower displays on either side of the *hina-dan*.

Visitors and guests alike are sure to enjoy our unique display of more than 6,000 hanging ornaments, each one handmade from kimono and quilt fabrics exclusively for our hotel. These small dolls are said to possess their own particular attributes to protect girls from evil spirits or bring good luck or blessing in different areas of life. These decorations are hung from a height of 3.3 meters around the *hina-dan*, enhancing its colors and elegance.

Join us in our annual tradition by being part of this festival of gratitude for the girls and women in our lives.



## Flower power

*An exhibition of floral beauty*

As part of our exhibition, we are also showcasing flower-themed works of art that reflect the calm and beauty of spring. The display includes pottery, bamboo crafts, and Japanese lacquerware, as well as arresting *fusuma* sliding-door panels, with expansive paintings of cherry blossoms, by master artist Masatsugu Ito. Come and discover the important role of flowers in Japanese art and culture.



## A feast for the senses

*A day of traditional music and cuisine*

On March 13, we will be holding a not-to-be-missed concert featuring a piano and three traditional Japanese instruments: a *shakuhachi* flute, a *biwa*, which is a Japanese lute, and a *koto*, a type of Japanese zither. The musicians will perform against a backdrop of *fusuma*

painted by Masatsugu Ito and will be accompanied by Japanese traditional dance.

Following the concert, there will be a special luncheon at Kagari featuring Japanese dishes associated with the season. Undoubtedly, this will be a true spectacle for the senses.



## Flowery language

*Ikebana workshop*

We are delighted to offer you the chance to tell your own floral story with a workshop on *ikebana*, the Japanese art of flower arranging. You can learn about the meaning of flowers and create your own flower arrangement under the instruction of *ikebana* master, Hiroki Maeno. After you've created your piece, sit down for a cup of green tea while admiring a display of one another's work. You are welcome to take your *ikebana* piece home with you after the workshop.



## A fragrant feast

*Special springtime dishes to celebrate Hina-Matsuri*

As spring flowers begin to bloom, six of our restaurants and our art lounge Duet have been swept up in the season, serving special dishes to celebrate Hina-Matsuri. Whether you're in the mood for Japanese or western cuisine, our expert chefs have prepared unique lunch menus around the theme of the Girls' Doll Festival. Expect meals so good that they will put some spring in your step.

