

Her Imperial Highness Princess Akiko of Mikasa visited Michigan from Jun 11th to 14th. On June 12th, Her Imperial Highness attended a Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) symposium on the Japanese-US relationship through Japanese art and culture. Her Imperial Highness delivered a presentation entitled: "One British and three Americans: Collecting Japanese paintings from nineteenth century to the present". In her talk, Her Imperial Highness explained the relationship between Japanese art and Western culture, delighting the audience with her insightful and humorous explanation. While at the DIA, she also viewed Japanese artwork and demonstrations on the making of Ichimatsu dolls and Tenugui (Japanese towel).



This was the first time in 22 years that an Imperial Family member has visited Michigan; Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado visited in 1996.