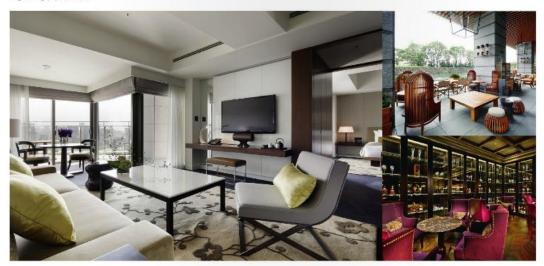


Palace Hotel Tokyo Business Destinations Autumn 2013



TOKYO, JAPAN



Palace Hotel Tokyo

The Palace Hotel Tokyo reopened last year following a meticulous rebuild. The original Palace Hotel, established in 1961, was built as a symbol of Japan's modernisation and a raft of international dignitaries attended its celebratory inauguration reception. The hotel maintains a strong sense of history, overlooking the Imperial Palace Gardens and its connected moat, and offering guests exquisite views of Tokyo city centre.

Inside, you'll find a contemporary take on the traditional Japanese interior. Nature-inspired colours and subtle patterns adorn minimally occupied rooms. Balconies and terraces accompany most of the rooms

and are a welcome spot from which to take in the Imperial Gardens.

Glass-walled bathrooms, walk-in wardrobes and a sophisticated minibar complete the comfort of each room. Suites are highly recommended for the corporate traveller, but with a business centre located on the 19th floor there is always enough space and the right equipment to complete any important work. The hotel will soon be introducing bespoke business packages.

The hotel's dining provisions are outstanding. It has ten venues, including seven restaurants, and quality is certainly not compromised by the increased choice – expect collaborations between Michelinstarred chefs and Japan's best new culinary talent. The signature

Japanese restaurant, Wadakura, focuses on teppanyaki, tempura and sushi. Crown, the hotel's longest-running restaurant, serves fine French cuisine. Palace Hotel Tokyo even

has a futuristic spa, the first of its kind in the city. Peaceful lounges, a marble sauna, reclining baths and treatments drawing on traditional Japanese seitai trigger point work, ensure every

guest leaves totally relaxed.

TOKYO TIMELINE

1457

Ōta Dōkan, a vassal of Uesugi Mochitomo, begins the construction of Edo Castle and gardens. At this time, the city is known as Edo.

1707

the Höei eruption of Mount Fuji, lasting over two weeks, sprays approximately 800 million cubic metres of volcanic ash across the city.

1791

Edo experiences impressive growth and becomes the world's largest city, with an estimated population of I.I million people.

1869

the 17-year-old Emperor Meiji relocates from Kyoto to Tokyo. He orders the transformation of Edo Castle into his new Imperial Palace.

1923

the Grand Kanto earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, devastates the city, destroying buildings and killing almost 150,000 people.

1943

the city is
abolished
and is merged
with Tokyo's
Metropolitan
Prefecture present-day
Tokyo is not
officially a city.

1964

the Summer Olympic Games are held in Tokyo - this is the first time the games are held in Asia and the first year apartheid South Africa is banned.