



## MOCHI-MOCHI

*Out with the old, in with the new. As Japan's much admired Emperor Akihito is set to abdicate in April 2019, this year's New Year's celebration takes on special significance as it will be the first such departure from the Chrysanthemum Throne in 200 years. Usher in the most important holiday the Japanese way at Palace Hotel Tokyo. Feast on year-crossing soba noodles, learn to make (and eat) mochi, and watch the traditional shishi-mai lion dancers perform. Sacred for the Japanese people and surreal for guests, you will also have the chance to wave to the Emperor (and Japan's Imperial Family) when he makes his final appearance on the second of January 2019.*



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