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IMPERIAL HOTEL TOKYO

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TOKYO'S FABLED IMPERIAL HOTEL SALUTES THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BIRTH OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT WITH HISTORIC DESIGNS RECREATED
IN A LOBBY LOUNGE AND AN EXHIBIT OF ORIGINAL RELICS

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Tokyo, Japan; June 1st, 2017: On June 8th, 2017, Tokyo's world famous, 127 year-old Imperial Hotel will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frank Lloyd Wright with the inauguration of a new lounge area in the hotel's Main Lobby featuring a number of architectural motifs and a display of relics from Wright's 1923 Imperial Hotel. The newly designed lounge incorporates various signature elements from Wright's elaborate 1923 creation and houses a display of original terra cotta relics, graphic designs, tableware, furniture, soap, architectural drawings and others. Entitled "IMPERIAL TIMES – ONCE AND FUTURE LEGACIES ", the event will continue through the end of January, 2018.

A one night stay in the Imperial Hotel's Wright Foundation-supported Frank Lloyd Wright Suite, with a lavish, full course breakfast prepared by Chef Thierry Voisin of Les Saisons, is being offered to Imperial Club members as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations. The Frank Lloyd Wright Suite showcases an Oya volcanic stone relief, stained glass windows, pierced terra cotta tiling, carpet patterns, light fixture and other original Frank Lloyd Wright motifs, at ¥550,000 per night for double occupancy. The hotel will also hold a number of other events coinciding with Wright's 150th anniversary, and sales of Wright-related accessories such as old fashion tumbler cut glassware; elegant, limited edition, original fountain and ball pens with 1923 Wright Imperial designs (on sale from July, 2017); commemorative postage stamps, as well as several edible items with Wright connections, in Gargantua, the hotel deli.

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At the Old Imperial Bar, the Imperial Lounge Aqua and the Rendez-vous Lounge and Bar, three original cocktails (named to reflect the event, and dubbed The Time; Imperial Legacy; and Wright's Will) will be on the menu from June 1st through 30th, at ¥1,950 each. Original sweets presented in Wright-style designs will be offered with coffee or tea at The Rendez-vous Lounge and Bar in the Main Lobby, at ¥2,380 per serving.

Tokyo's Imperial opened with aristocratic financing in 1890 as the nation's first semi-official state guesthouse, and the famed American architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed the second generation main building, the richly surrealistic Mayan Art Deco 1923 Imperial, which opened on September 1st, 1923, the very day of the Great Kanto Earthquake which left the hotel intact but destroyed vast segments of Tokyo and Yokohama. It remained the capital's most glamorous and exotic place-to-stay until 1968, when its Main Entrance, lotus pond and other-parts were rebuilt at Meiji-mura, a sort of Japanese Williamsburg of prime architectural relics outside Nagoya.

The new lounge in the Main Lobby is only the first stage of ongoing renovations that will feature Wright's 1923 Imperial designs and which will continue to 2020.

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A night in the sumptuous and atmospheric Frank Lloyd Wright Suite in Tokyo's legendary Imperial Hotel is being offered to Imperial Club patrons as part of the hotel's celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frank Lloyd Wright. The double occupancy rate is ¥550,000 per night inclusive of service charge and consumption tax, and includes a lavish, multi-course breakfast for two at the award-winning Les Saisons.



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Only 150 pieces of these three distinctive pens featuring Frank Lloyd Wright Imperial Hotel designs have been produced and are available worldwide. Designed to become collector's items, a stock of fifteen are offered at Gargantua, on the Lobby Floor, with the fountain pen version at ¥25,000; the oil base ballpoint pen version at ¥20,000.



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A selection of commemorative postage stamps created for the 150 anniversary of the birth of Frank Lloyd Wright are on sale at the Imperial Hotel in a limited edition of 1,000 sheets. The ten stamp sheets are ¥2,500 each.

