Emperor at Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine

The 18th World Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine opened 21 August in Kobe. Japanese royalty were in attendance for the opening ceremony and banquet.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko arrived in Kyoto on Saturday, kicking off a four-day tour in the Kansai region in western Japan packed with events including celebrations for the empress and a medical conference. (Japan Today's report (http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853), Kyodo News photo (http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853))

World Congress (http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853) attendees were much impressed by the royal couple and the banquet arrangements. Hot, humid weather in Kobe did little to dampen their enthusiasm.

The conference runs 21-26 August in Kobe. Next meeting is planned for Quebec in 2007. (Organized by International College of Psychosomatic Medicine (http://www.icpm.org))