

# 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 \( http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853 \)](http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853), Kyodo News [photo \( http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853 \)](http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853))*

[World Congress \( http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=news&cat=1&id=346853 \)](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 \( http://www.icpm.org \)](http://www.icpm.org))