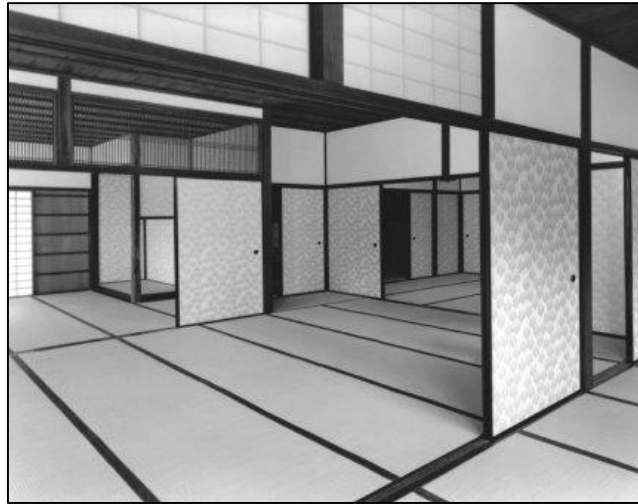


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Images of the Katsura Imperial Villa in Kyoto

By Ishimoto Yasuhiro



Interior of Old Shonin, Viewed from the east. Photograph copyright © Ishimoto Yasuhiro

And

Ippakutei

An authentic Japanese teahouse located on the grounds of the Embassy of Japan, featuring a room modeled after the Katsura Imperial Villa's tea house, Shokintei.

Thursday, March 18th from 3:00-6:30p m

Friday, March 19th from 3:00-8:00 pm

Guests will be admitted until 30 minutes before closing.

At the Old Ambassador's Residence

2516 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

(Parking is **not** available at the Embassy.)

Photographer Ishimoto Yasuhiro (b. 1921) is widely acknowledged as one of the most influential figures in the development of postwar Japanese photography. Among his most celebrated bodies of work, his photographs of the legendary 17th century Katsura Imperial Villa in Kyoto infuse images of the iconic structure with a New Bauhaus aesthetic. This exhibition of 50 black and white photographs presents Ishimoto's attempt to liberate tradition through a contemporary viewpoint.

First revealed to the modern architectural world by the great German architect Bruno Taut in the early 20th century, the Katsura Imperial Villa stunned and excited the Western architectural community. Pillars of the Modernist movement called it an "historical" example of Modernity, while Taut himself declared it "an eternal form." Many came to see it as a predecessor to the spirit of modern architecture.

The JICC is delighted to host this exhibition as part of JAPAN: Nature and Culture for the Future. This special project by the Japan Foundation focuses on how Japanese aesthetic values and ways of life can contribute to the harmony between man and nature. During the month of March, a number of events on this theme will take place in the DC area. For more information about these events, please visit the [Japan Foundation's website](#).

**Reservations required. For security reasons, no one without a reservation will be admitted.
Photo ID is required for entry.**

To RSVP, please be sure to send your name, affiliation and the names of your guests to jiccrsvp@embjapan.org.

