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Imperial Hotel Kyoto to Open in Spring 2026

Tokyo Japan; June 1st, 2021: Hideya Sadayasu, president of Imperial Hotel, Ltd., announced on May 12th it intends to implement a new hotel renovation construction plan in the famed Gion district in Kyoto. Scheduled to open in spring of 2026, it will be the fourth Imperial Hotel brand property after its Tokyo, Kamikochi, and Osaka hotels. The new hotel will occupy a renovated landmark and is expected to be the Imperial Hotel, Ltd.'s first new business in 30 years, following the opening of the Imperial Hotel, Osaka, in 1996.

The building to be renovated is the Yasaka Kaikan, originally completed in 1936 and which is recognized as a nationally registered tangible cultural property and an historic building in Kyoto City. It is located in the Gion district, the center of the world-famous Maiko area. A maiko is a girl between the ages of 15 and 20 in the process of training to become a fully fledged geiko, or geisha, a respected and accomplished professional entertainer. Originally a theater, it was closed due to aging and earthquake resistance structural issues, and most of it is no longer in use. The famed historical and culturally valuable building will be rebuilt as an Imperial Hotel. At the same time, the entire site, including the renovation of a practice area for singing and dancing for geisha and maiko, and for the practice of musical instruments, will be integrated into this structure.

The new hotel will occupy the site of Yasaka Kaikan and the land on the north side of its main building and north building. It will be comprised of 7 floors above ground and 2 floors below ground, and will house approximately 60 guest rooms. It will also house other recreational facilities such as restaurants, a bar, a spa and fitness gym.

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While preserving its iconic, multi-layered roof and the shape of its tower, the facade of the building, considered an important feature of the local Kyoto landscape, is being planned to preserve the structure's existing skeleton and to redeploy the original building materials in order to preserve the cultural value of the building to the maximum degree possible. The newly added north side will be designed with due consideration for the existing design and the local landscape, while employing modern technology and materials.

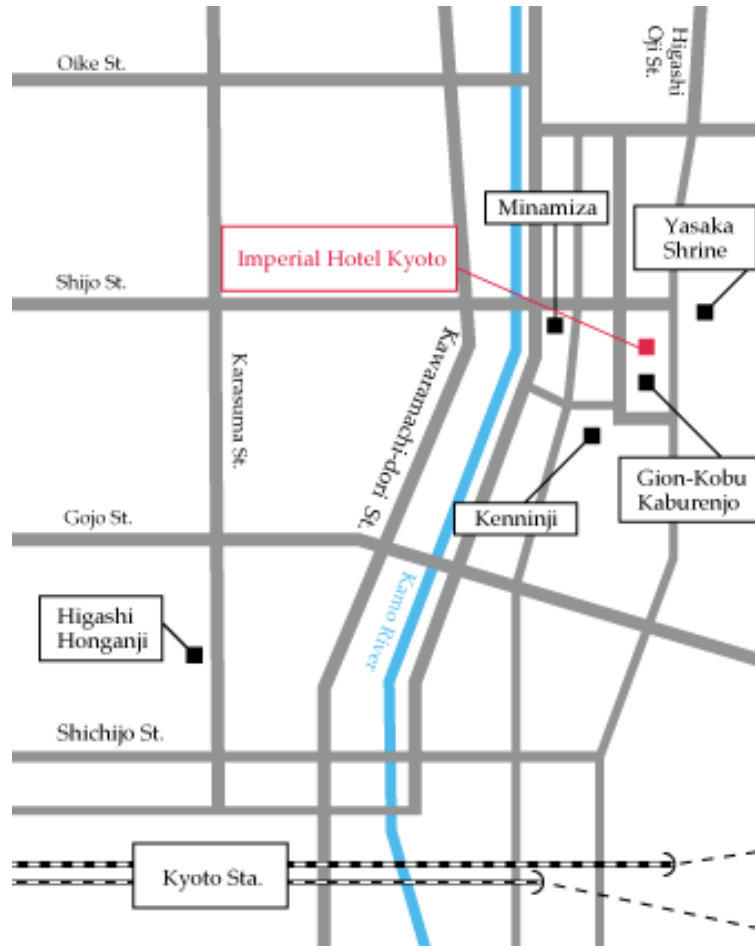
Imperial Hotel, Ltd. intends to protect the precious legacy of Kyoto's culture and create a hotel suitable for its historic location, to enhance patronage by both domestic and foreign clients. In addition, the hotel will do its utmost to transmit Japanese culture to the world from the internationally acknowledged Japanese cultural center of Kyoto.

Construction will begin in April 2022. The new property will be completed in October 2025 and aims for its grand opening in the spring of 2026.

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Photo: The current Main building's southwest exterior (preserved part)



Kyoto area map