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# JAPANESE SURRENDER DOCUMENTS

# INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

**W**e, acting by command of and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945, at Naitsum, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government in his direction.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to act in these matters shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Signed at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN, at 0908 L  
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945

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By Command and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan  
and the Japanese Government.

梅津美治郎

By Command and in behalf of the Japanese  
Imperial General Headquarters.

Accepted at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN, at 0908 L  
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945,  
for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom and the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interests of the other  
United Nations at war with Japan.

Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

W. H. Murray  
United States Representative

徐永昌  
Republic of China Representative

Prince Francis  
United Kingdom Representative

Leonid Brezhnev  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Representative

Ch. Blomfield  
Commonwealth of Australia Representative

James G. Thompson  
Dominion of Canada Representative

Loisley  
Provisional Government of the French  
Republic Representative

M. J. van der Stoep  
Kingdom of the Netherlands Representative

Leonard H. Smith  
Dominion of New Zealand Representative

Accepting the terms set forth in Resolution 1804, passed by the heads of the governments of the United States, Great Britain and China on July 28th, 1947 at Potsdam and subsequently adopted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, we have commanded the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial Naval Headquarters to sign on Our behalf the Instrument of Surrender proffered by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and to issue Imperial Orders to the military and naval forces in accordance with the stipulations of the Supreme Command; for the allied powers, we command all our people forthwith to cease hostilities, to lay down their arms and, faithfully to carry out all the provisions of the Instrument of Surrender and the Imperial orders issued by the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial Naval Headquarters. Perpetual.

This second day of the ninth month of the twentieth year of Showa.

Seal of the Emperor

August 14 1945

Yamematsugaki Hirohito's First Half-year

朕ハ昭和二十年七月二十六日米英支各國政府ノ首班カボツダムニ於テ簽シ後ニ蘇聯邦カ參加シタル官言ノ揚フル諸條項ヲ受諾シ帝國政府及大本營ニ對シ聯合國最高司令官カ提示シタル降伏文書ニ朕ニ代リ署名シ且聯合國最高司令官ノ指示ニ基キ陸海軍・對スル一般命令ヲ發スヘキコトヲ命シタリ朕ハ朕カ臣民ニ對シ敵對行為ヲ直ニ止メ武器ヲ捨キ且降伏文書ニ一切ノ條項竝ニ帝國政府及大本營ノ發スル一般命令ヲ誠實ニ履行セムコトヲ命ス



裕仁

- Manabu Uchiyama  
Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Ino Terasaki  
Minister for Home Affairs
- Yoshi Genda  
Minister of Finance
- Seisaku Shimomura  
Minister of War
- Hidetsugu Tani  
Minister of Navy
- Omuro Tadamasa  
Minister of Justice
- Taizan Ueda  
Minister of Education
- Kanzo Hatanuma  
Minister of Religious Affairs
- Kobaro Bengoku  
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
- Chikubai Takajima  
Minister of Commerce and Industry
- Seigo Kobayashi  
Minister of Transportation
- Yuzuru Isono  
Minister without Portfolio
- Taketsuna Ogata  
Minister without Portfolio
- Shunroku Ota  
Minister without Portfolio

昭和二十年九月二日

内閣總理大臣 鈴木 茂王

國務大臣 近衛 文麿

海軍大臣 末次 信正

外務大臣 重光 葵

運輸大臣 小島 信行

大藏大臣 津島 善一

司法大臣 岩田 英作

農林大臣 榎 田 正吉

國務大臣 榎 方 竹虎

内務大臣 山崎 謙三

商工大臣 中島 知久平

厚生大臣 北村 謙三

文部大臣 高田 多二郎

國務大臣 小畑 敏四郎

陸軍大臣 下村 定

H I R O H I T O .

By the Grace of Heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the Throne occupied by the same Dynasty changeless through ages eternal,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

We do hereby authorize Masaru Shigemitsu, Zyosansai, First Class of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun to attach his signature by command and in behalf of Ourselves and Our Government unto the Instrument of Surrender which is required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be signed.

In witness whereof, We have hereunto set Our signature and caused the Great Seal of the Empire to be affixed.

Given at Our Palace in Tokyo, this first day of the ninth month of the twentieth year of Syōwa, being the two thousand six hundred and fifth year from the Accession of the Emperor Zinmu.

Seal of  
the  
Empire

Signed: H I R O H I T O .

Countersigned: Katsuhiko-ō  
Prime Minister

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 大日本帝國天皇裕仁此ノ書ヲ見ル有  
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 朕茲ニ聯合國最高司令官ヨリ署名ノ要  
 請アリタル降伏文書ニ朕及朕ノ政府ノ命ニ  
 依リ且朕及朕ノ政府ニ代リ署名スルノ權限ヲ  
 正三位勳一等重光葵ニ付與ス  
 神武天皇即位紀元二千六百五年昭和二十年  
 九月一日東京宮城ニ於テ親ラ名ヲ署シ璽ヲ

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 仁  
 大日本帝國  
 內閣總理大臣 裕仁



H I R O H I T O .

By the Grace of Heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the Throne occupied by the same Dynasty changeless through ages eternal,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

We do hereby authorize Yoshihiro Uesuzu, Syocamsi, First Class of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, Second Class of the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, to attach his signature by command and in behalf of ourselves and Our Imperial General Headquarters unto the Instrument of Surrender which is required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be signed.

In witness whereof, We have hereunto set Our signature and caused the Great Seal of the Empire to be affixed.

Given at Our Palace in Tokyo, this first day of the ninth month of the twentieth year of Syowa, being the two thousand six hundred and fifth year from the Accession of the Emperor Xinsu.



Signed: H I R O H I T O .

Countersigned: Yoshihiro Uesuzu  
Chief of the General Staff of the Imperial Japanese Army

Kosaku Toyoda  
Chief of the General Staff of the Imperial Japanese Navy

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朕茲ニ聯合國最高司令官ヨリ署名ノ要請

アリテ降伏文書ニ朕及朕ノ大本營ノ命

ニ依リ且朕及朕ノ大本營ニ代リ署名スルノ權

限テ陸軍大將正三位勳一等功二級梅津美

治郎ニ付與ス

神武天皇卽位紀元二千六百五年昭和二十年九月

日本東京宮城ニ於テ親ヲ名ヲ署シ璽ヲ鈐セシム

裕仁



參謀總長梅津美治郎  
軍令部總長志田 口 白