

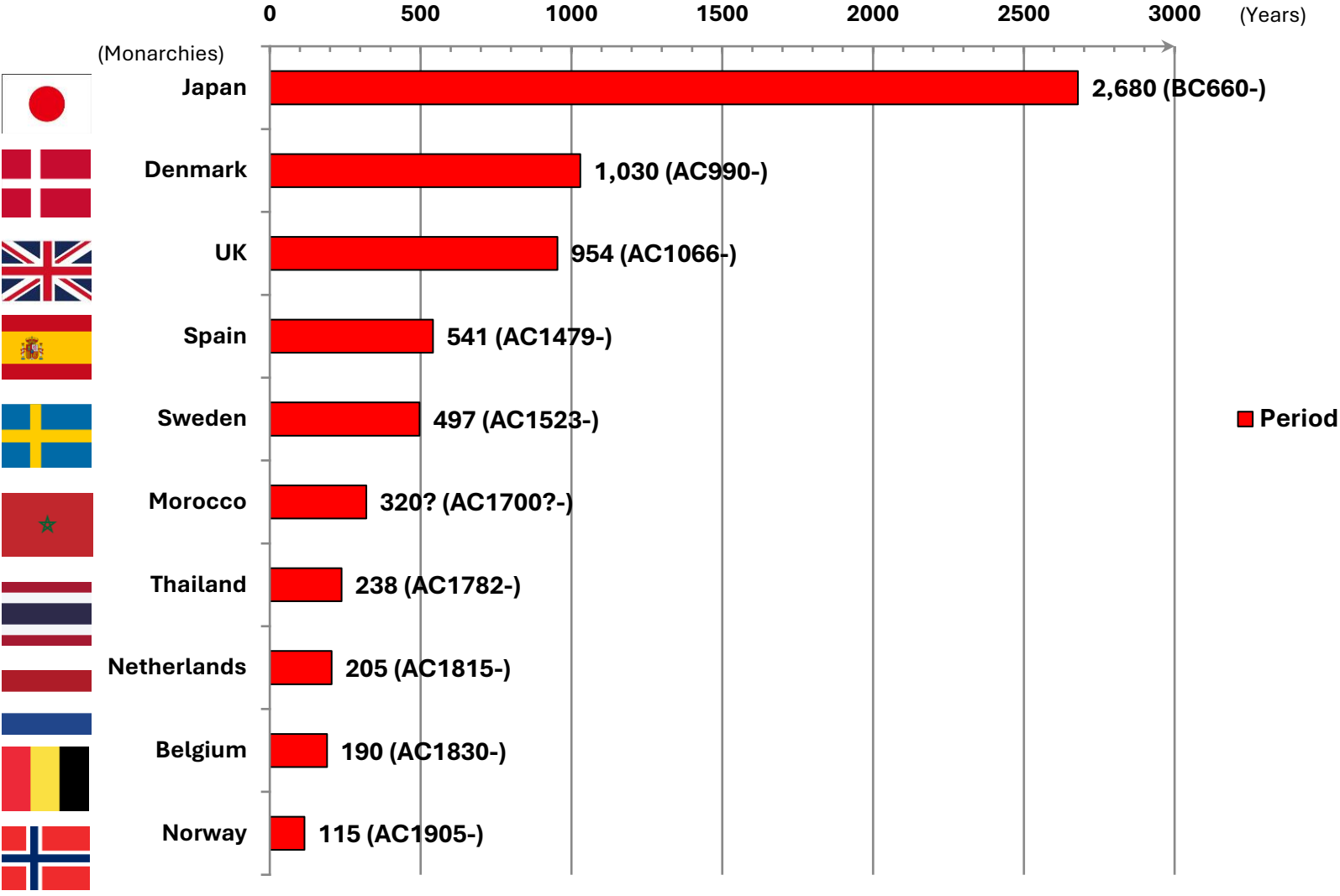
Modern Japan–Anglo Diplomacy and Relations between the Imperial Family of Japan and the Royal Family of the Commonwealth

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Period of Main Dynasties



Coronation of King Edward VII in 1902



Prince Akihito of Komatsu

小松宮彰仁親王 (1846-1903)

- 1600 William Adams drifted ashore in Japan
- 1613 King James I presented his letter to the Shogunate
- 1626 Closure of British trading posts in Japan
- 1673 Shogunate rejected British request to resume trade
- 1808 Nagasaki Harbour Incident
- 1854 Anglo-Japanese Friendship Treaty (unequal treaty)
- 1857 Treaty of peace, friendship and commerce, between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan (unequal treaty)
- 1859 British Consulate-General in Japan opened
- 1868 Meiji Restoration
- 1894 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan (abolition of extraterritoriality)
- 1900 Boxer Rebellion
- 1902 Anglo-Japanese Alliance

Coronation of King George V in 1911



Prince Yoshihito of Higashifushimi
東伏見宮依仁親王 (1867-1922)

- 1902 Anglo-Japanese Alliance
- 1904-5 Russo-Japanese War (Britain supported Japan by refusing passage through the Suez Canal to the Russian Navy, underwriting war bonds and providing information)
- 1906 Emperor Meiji received the Order of the Garter
- 1907 Prince Sadanaru of Fushimi visited UK and met King Edward VII as the emperor's personal representative
- 1908 Establishment of the Japan-British Society
- 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan revised (unequal treaties dissolved)

Coronation of King George VI in 1937



Prince Yasuhito of Chichibu
秩父宮雍仁親王 (1902-1953)

- 1912 123rd Emperor Taishō received Order of the Garter
- 1914-1918 WW I. Japanese military engaged German troops at the request by the UK
- 1918 Siberian Intervention. Japan deployed to Siberia at the request of the British
- 1919 Paris Peace Conference
- 1921 Crown Prince Hirohito visited the UK
- 1922 Crown Prince Edward visited Japan
- 1929 124th Emperor Shōwa received the Order of the Garter
- 1923 Anglo-Japanese Alliance officially expired
- 1926 Japan rejected Britain's request to send troops for the Northern Expedition by Chiang Kai-shek. (Anglo-Japanese relations to deteriorate)
- 1930 London Naval Conference of 1930

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953



Emperor Emeritus, then Crown Prince Akihito
上皇陛下、当時皇太子明仁親王 (1933-)
Sir Winston Churchill
ウィンストン・チャーチル首相 (1974-1965)

- 1937 Marco Polo Bridge Incident. The UK unofficially supported the KMT
- 1939 Outbreak of WW II
- 1940 Asamamaru Incident. Establishment of the Tripartite Pact
- 1941 UK abrogated Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan. ABCD siege. Japan declared war on the Allies.
- 1942 Japan invaded British Singapore and Burma
- 1943 State of Burma and Azad Hind established
- 1944 Battle of Imphal
- 1945 Japan surrendered to WW II
- 1947 11 branch families kicked out from the Imperial Family
- 1948 BOAC launched regular services between Japan and the UK
- 1951 Treaty of Peace with Japan

Coronation of King Charles III in 2023

- 1966 The Beatles tour of Japan
- 1970 Crown Prince Charles visited Ōsaka Expo
- 1971 Emperor Shōwa visited the UK. His Order of the Garter restored
- 1975 Queen Elizabeth II visited Japan
- 1983 Prince Naruhito studied at the Uni of Oxford
- 1986 Crown Prince Charles visited Japan
- 1990 Crown Prince Charles attendd the coronation of the Emperor Emeritus
- 1998 Emperor Emeritus visited the UK and received the Order of the Garter
- 2007 Emperor Emeritus visited the UK
- 2008 Crown Prince Charles visits Japan. 150th anniversary of the Japan-Anglo diplomatic relations
- 2012 Emperor Emeritus attended Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubile
- 2019 Crown Prince Charles attended the coronation of the Emperor



King Charles III チャールズ三世国王陛下 (1948-)
Crown Prince Fumihito 皇嗣秋篠宮文仁親王殿下 (1965-)
Crown Princess Kiko 皇嗣妃 紀子殿下 (1966-)

Queen Elizabeth II visited Japan in 1975



Emperor Shōwa (1901–1989) Queen Elizabeth II (1926–2022)
第126代 昭和天皇 ウィンザー朝第4代 エリザベス二世女王

"As people, we share many attributes —our technical skills, our curiosity about new knowledge, our respect for tradition, even our love for gardens and our predilection for driving on the left! But perhaps we share in particular a temperament which may be hesitant to show affection but which has a capacity for deep feeling. I hope and believe that the friendship which today binds the Japanese and British people together will endure and be strengthened."

(Banquet Speech at the Imperial Palace In Tōkyō by Queen Elizabeth II)



Queen Elizabeth II エリザベス二世女王
Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021)
エディンバラ公フィリップ王子

Emperor Emeritus, then the Emperor of Japan 上皇陛下、当時天皇
Empress Emerita, then the Empress of Japan (1921-2021)
上皇后陛下、当時皇后



Emperor of Japan, then Prince Naruhito studied history of transportation at the University of Oxford as an MA student

Significance of the Royal Exchange



Emperor of Japan
今上陛下 (1960-)

King Charles III

- Both monarchs 'King reigns, but does not govern'

→ Possibility of international cultural exchange without political considerations and ideological conflicts

- Princes from collateral branch families 'miyake 宮家' took the place of the emperor

→ Modern European-style noblesse oblige

- After WW II, the Crown Prince assumed the role of nominal representative of the Emperor

→ Changes in the family concept in the Imperial Family

- The glory of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the haunting memories of WW II

→ Royals contributed to the dissolution of emotional coils

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