

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan Visit the Canada Agriculture Museum on Saturday, July 4, 2009

Prior to beginning a recent state visit to Canada, the Emperor of Japan expressed a desire to tour a dairy farm. During his weekend leisure time, His Imperial Majesty visited the Canada Agriculture Museum (CAgM), and showed keen interest in the variety of cattle breeds at the CAgM. The Emperor and Empress were accompanied by an entourage of Japanese officials, and senior staff from Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The visit, which lasted approximately 20 minutes, was covered by 30 members of the media, and included a question-and-answer period, a photo op, and interaction between Their Imperial Majesties and visitors to the CAgM.



Kerry-Leigh Burchill, Director General of the Canada Agriculture Museum, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan touring the calf barn on July 4, 2009.