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PHOTO EXHIBIT AT JAPANESE GARDEN FEATURES HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF KATSURA DETACHED PALACE

The Seattle Japanese Garden is pleased to host an exhibit of Ishimoto Yasuhiro's photographs of the Katsura Detached Palace. Taken in 1953, the photographs showcase both the interior and exterior of the historic palace.

Built in the early Edo Period (17th Century) for the Hachijonomiya family, the Katsura Detached Palace maintains the traditions of Japanese architecture -- simplicity and harmony with nature. Located on the western bank of the Katsura River on the outskirts of Kyoto, the palace is spread out upon a massive 50,000-square-meter site, and consists of a group of buildings constructed in the sukiya-style. Aligned in a staggered setback pattern, the buildings face a garden inspired by the classic eleventh century novel, *Tale of Genji*.

Ishimoto is an accomplished photographer, recognized as photographer of the year by the Japan Photo Critic Association in 1957, The Mainichi Art Award in 1970, and distinguished contribution award in 1991 by the Photographic Society of Japan. He received medals of honor in 1983 and 1993, along with being named a Man of Cultural Distinction in 1996 by the Japanese Government.

The photographs will be on view at the Japanese Garden Thursdays through Sundays from 1:30-4 p.m. from Sept. 2 to Nov. 14. The photos will also be available for viewing during

Respect for Elders on Monday, Sept. 20, and Maple Viewing on Wednesday, Nov. 17.
Admission to the photograph exhibit is free with Garden admission.

To celebrate this exhibit, there will be a reception at the Japanese Garden on Sept. 9
from 6-8 p.m.

This exhibit is part of a touring exhibition funded by the Japan Foundation. Local
assistance is provided by Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Japanese Garden Advisory
Council, and the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle.

For more information, contact the Japanese Garden ticket booth at (206) 684-4725. The
Japanese Garden is located within the Washington Park Arboretum at 1075 Lake
Washington Blvd East.

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