

Rich in history and considered to be the traditional center of the city, Tokyo's Hibiya area was centuries ago the site of a fortress, then a castle for the ruling *shoguns* of the Tokugawa period (1603—1867) and mansions of the feudal lords serving in the capital of Edo. With the Imperial Restoration and relocation of the Emperor to Tokyo more than a century ago, the great mansions faded away together with the power of the lords who had built them, and the castle became the Imperial Palace. Next to it, Hibiya Park was opened officially in 1903,

and today contains many commemorative trees amid the stone walls that have withstood both the ravages of war and natural disaster which have occurred since.

This authentic map of old Hibiya, published by Mohei Suharaya in 1863 during the Edo Era (Tokugawa Period), shows the Imperial Palace—now adjacent to the park and within sight of the prestigious Imperial Hotel, long a Tokyo landmark. Resplendent in its rich heritage, and located at the heart of Tokyo, the Imperial Hotel is the home of the Hibiya Club.



⊗ Location of the Imperial Hotel

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