

## **Kenkoku Kinen No Hi - the Day for Commemorating the Foundation of the Nation**

This is a modern public holiday falling on 11 February, the same day as the accession of the Emperor Jimmu, the first human emperor of Japan and grandson of the sun goddess Amaterasu. After the Second World War, the original festival that marked Jimmu's hereditary link to the gods was replaced with the new festival. In its modern form, this festival has lost much of its mythological content, but it is still a symbol of Japanese unity.