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Item Title	Prince Chichibu's visit to Canada 1
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Item Description

Professionally produced film. Title slides are in Japanese.

Title Slide: Prince Chichibu [second son of the Taisho Emperor]; Princess Chichibu ; Movie Commemorating the Welcoming of the Imperial Highnesses ; Showa 12 (1937) March 29 -30 ; Taken by the Canadian Japanese Welcoming Association

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The film begins with a portrait of Prince Chichibu and Princess Chichibu. The Japanese flag waves in the wind. Prince Chichibu was the younger brother to Emperor Hirohito. Princess Chichibu’s name was Matsudaira Setsuko, and she was the daughter of Matsudaira Tsuneo, Japanese ambassador to the United States and later Great Britain

Title slide: Prince Chichibu and Princess Chichibu are visiting Canada as Imperial

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Item Title	Prince Chichibu's visit to Canada 2
Item Date	1937



Item Description

Professionally produced film. Title slides are in Japanese. Although the film is titled (by it's original creator) as Prince Chichibu's visit to Canada 2, Prince Chichibu does not appear in this reel. However, this film does document Kanō Jigorō's visit to Canada. Kanō was a Japanese educator and athlete, and the founder of Judo.

The first part of the film is in colour, and is probably filmed in or before 1939. The film begins with Japanese Canadian men walking past the camera. In some of their arms appear to be Judogi, traditional uniforms used for Judo practice. Of this group of men is Shigetaka (Steve) Sasaki, known as the Father of Judo in Canada. Based off of buildings in the distance, this location could be Sasaki's first judo club, called Tai Iku, which opened in 1924 on the 500 block of Alexander Street in Vancouver. The following shot shows the same group of men on what appears to be around Gore Street and East Cordova. The men walk around the neighbourhood. Noticeable locations include the Queen's Hotel at 206 Main Street near East Cordova.