

Table 1.3 Traditional list of Japanese sovereigns to AD 715

# ^a	Sovereign ^b	Traditional reign dates ^c	No. years ^d	Adjusted reign dates ^e	No. years ^f	NS Book ^g	pp. ^h	Total r. years	Consort/ Empress
Nihon Shoki Vol. 1									
Kimi (King)									
1	Jinmu	660–585 BC	= 15			III	109–37 =	28	Ahira-tsu-hime; Hime-tatara-I-suzu-hime
2	Suizei	581–549	= 32			IV	138–41 =	3	Isuzu-yori-bime
3	Annei	548–511	= 37			IV	141–2 =	2	Nuna-soko-naka-tsu-hime
4	Itoku	510–477	= 33			IV	142–3 =	2	Ama-toyo-tsu-hime
5	Kōshō	475–393	= 82			IV	144–5 =	2	Yoso-tarashi-hime
6	Kōan	392–291	= 101			IV	145–6 =	2	Oshi-bime
7	Kōrei	290–215	= 75			IV	146–7 =	2	Hoso-bime
8	Kōgen	214–158	= 56			IV	147–8 =	2	Uchi-shiko-me
9	Kaika/Kaikwa	157–98	= 59			IV	148–9 =	2	Ika-shiko-me
Sujin (Mimaki) line of sovereigns comprising the 4th-century Miwa Court:ⁱ									
10	Sujin	97–30	= 67	AD 219–249	= 30	V	150–64 =	14	Mimaki-hime
11	Suinin	29 BC–AD 70	= 59	249–280	= 31	VI	165–87 =	22	Saho-hime
12	Keikō	71–130	= 59	280–316	= 36	VII	188–214 =	26	Lady of Inabi
13	Seimu	131–190	= 59	316–343	= 27	VII	214–16 =	2	–
14	Chūai/Chiui	191–200	= 9	343–346	= 3	VIII	217–23 =	6	Oki-naga-tarashi-hime
	Jingō/Jingū*	201–269	= 68	–	–	IX	224–53 =	31	–
Ōjin line of sovereigns comprising the 5th-century Kawachi Court:									
15	Ōjin	270–310	= 40	346–395	= 49	X	254–71 =	17	Nakatsuhime
16	Nintoku	313–399	= 86	395–427	= 32	XI	272–300 =	28	Iwa-no-hime; Yata

17	Richū/Richiu	400–405	= 5	427–432	= 5	XII	301–10 =	9	Osaka no Oho-nakatsu hime
18	Hanzei	406–411	= 5	433–438	= 5	XII	310–11 =	2	
19	Ingyō/Ingio	412–453	= 41	438–453	= 15	XIII	312–27 =	15	
20	Ankō			454–456	= 2	XIII	328–32 =	4	Nakashi hime/ Nagata no Oho-Iratsume
21	Ōkimi (Great Kings): Yūryaku/Yuriaku			457–479	= 22	XIV	333–72 =	39	Kusaka no Hatahime/ Tachi-bana- hime
22	Seinei			480–484	= 4	XV	373–7 =	4	Wono
23	Kenzō			485–487	= 2	XV	377–93 =	16	Kasuga no
24	Ninken			488–498	= 10	XV	393–8 =	5	Oho-iratsume Kasuga no Iratsume
25	Buretsu/ Muretsu			499–506	= 7	XVI	399–407 =	8	
Keitai line of sovereigns comprising the 6th–7th centuries Asuka Court									
26	Keitai/Keidai			507–531	= 24	XVII	1–25 =	24	Nihon Shoki Vol. 2
27	Ankan			534–535	= 1	XVIII	26–32 =	6	
28	Senka/Senkwa			536–539	= 3	XVIII	33–5 =	2	
29	Kimmei			540–571	= 31	XIX	36–89 =	53	
30	Bidatsu			572–585	= 13	XX	90–105 =	15	
31	Yōmei			585–587	= 2	XXI	106–11 =	5	
32	Sushun/Sujun			587–592	= 5	XXI	112–20 =	8	
33	Suiko*			592–628	= 36	XXII	121–56 =	35	
34	Jomei			629–641	= 12	XXIII	157–70 =	13	
35	Kōgyoku*			642–645	= 3	XXIV	171–94 =	23	
36	Kōtoku			645–654	= 9	XXV	195–247 =	52	

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37	Saimei			655–661	= 6	XXVI	248–73 =	25	
38	Tenji/Tenchi			668–671	= 3	XXVII	274–300 =	26	
39	Kōbun			671–672	= 1				
40	Temmu			673–686	= 13	XXVIII XXIX	301–20+ 321–81 =	80	
41	Tennō Jitō*			690–697	= 7	XXX	382–423 =	41	
Sovereigns reigning in the Fujiwara Palace, built by Jitō, from 696–710 (not included in the <i>Nihon Shoki</i>):									
42	Tennō Mōmu			697–707	= 10				
43	Gemmei			707–715	= 8				

* Indicate female sovereigns

^a Numbers accord with Nelson (1966: 1018–9); note that Jintō is not included in the historically recognized sovereign list

^b Names are first given in Hepburn romanization as they appear in Nelson (1966: 1018–9) and then after a forward slash if they appear differently in the translation of the *Nihon Shoki* (Aston 1972)

^c In accord with Nelson (1966: 1018–9) and Kidder (1959: 209, 1966: 209)

^d Calculated from the traditional reign dates

^e Presented in Kidder (1959: 209; 1966: 209). This adjusted chronology was developed by UMEHARA Sueji and KOBAYASHI Yukio in the 1950s at the University of Kyōto, when J. Edward Kidder Jr. was in residence there. Kidder describes their methodology in constructing the chronology as ‘sliding it up and down until they were satisfied with a fit’ (personal communication, Jan. 2003); Kidder himself thinks Sujin’s reign should have been kept a little earlier, but it appears to me they wished to align Sujin with Himiko’s reign due to the earlier hypotheses concerning the congruence of Himiko and Yamato toshi-momose-hime no Mikoto

^f Calculated from the adjusted reign dates

^g *Nihon Shoki* (NS) ‘Books’ as numbered in Roman numerals in Aston (1972). Note: 1) that several sovereigns might be discussed in one ‘Book’, while Tenmu was given two Books to describe his reign; 2) that #39 Kōbun was not included in the *Nihon Shoki* chronicles; 3) that the translation is divided into Part 1 and Part 2 each of which begins with page number 1

^h Page numbers in the Aston translation, including the number of total pages devoted to that sovereign

ⁱ The division of the protohistoric imperial line into three ‘dynasties’ associated with specific regions, giving rise to the appellations ‘Miwa Court’, ‘Kawachi Court’ and ‘Asuka Court’ (see Figure 1.4)