

# The study

When it was first built, this was a Western-style room with a high ceiling, but, after KONOE Fumimaro's acquisition and retirement from his position as prime minister, it was remodeled into a Japanese-style room.

Konoe received a summons from GHQ on suspicion of war crimes, which made him take his own life in this room early in the morning on December 16, 1945, the deadline for him to appear.

The Konoe family treasured this room and called it "Tonosama's [His Lordship's] Room." To this day, its original appearance has been mostly preserved, with no major changes being made.

The low table made of zelkova wood (designated as a tangible cultural property by Suginami Ward) which is placed in the center of the room was a gift from a politician, Kakichi Kawarada, when Konoe became the Speaker of the House of Peers (in June 1933).



The study (original appearance)  
(The person in the photo was IRISAWA Tatsukichi)



The study (restored appearance)



The newspaper article reporting Konoe's suicide  
The Tokyo Shimbun, December 17, 1945