

The entrance

On July 19, 1940, when the Second Konoe Cabinet was formed, a Japanese drum was placed outside the entrance and beaten to announce the start of the press conference. This action can be seen in Japan News No. 7 (these newsreels were shown in movie theaters from just prior to the Pacific War until after its conclusion; Japan News No. 7 was shown on July 23, 1940).

It was SAIONJI Kinmochi, the last genro (an elder statesman who advised the emperor), who named the villa “Tekigaiso”. There was a tablet on the wall of the entrance, with the carved letters of the name, copied from his calligraphy.



The entrance (when the Second Konoe Cabinet was formed)
July 16, 1940 Provided by The Asahi Shimbun Company



The entrance (restored appearance)



Inside the entrance
(the tablet, which said “Tekigaiso” on the top)
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The entrance (restored appearance)



The tablet (restored appearance)