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**China, follow the
world practices and
make an official visit
to Yasukuni Shrine.**



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Photo 2 November, 1980 (Showa 55)— The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibetan Buddhism was seen visiting the shrine.



Photo 10 April, 1969 (Showa 44)—A group of 25 personnel, including the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan Rear Admiral Smith, visited the shrine.

Table 1 List of Foreign VIP Visitors From 1945 (Showa 20) to 2003 (Heisei 15), at least 373 visits took place. Below is a partial list.

Visit Date	Country	Visitors
January 1945 (Show a 20)	Manchukuo	Wang Yunxiang, Ambassador
March 1946 (Show a 21)	United States	Robert G. Gard (GHQ-related personnel)
April 1956 (Show a 31)	Republic of China	Zhang Daofan, President of the Legislative Yuan
April 1959 (Show a 34)	Turkey	Etem Menderes, Minister of National Defense and Deputy Prime Minister
March 1960 (Show a 35)	Burma	U Nu, Former Prime Minister
December 1961 (Show a 36)	Argentina	President Frondizi and his wife
June 1963 (Show a 38)	Thailand	King and Queen Bhumibol
March 1965 (Show a 40)	West Germany	Herbert Dittmann, Ambassador, and naval cadets from a training fleet
September 1965 (Show a 40)	Vietnam	Quendui Quang, Ambassador
February 1966 (Show a 41)	Peru	José Carlos Feireidos, Ambassador
August 1972 (Show a 47)	Australia	Alf Simon, A party of the 39th Battalion members
September 1973 (Show a 48)	Tonga	Crown Prince Tupouto'a and entourage
November 1980 (Show a 55)	Tibet	Dalai Lama XIV
November 1982 (Show a 57)	Egypt	Mohamed Tawfik Oueida, Former Secretary-General of the World Islamic Council