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Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

A six-foot-high Bonsai from the Imperial Collection of Japan has been placed in the Yellow Oval Room of the White House for the visit of the Emperor and Empress.

It will greet the Emperor and Empress and other guests this evening during a small reception that will precede the white tie dinner on the State Floor.

The Bonsai is part of a collection of 53 Bonsai trees presented to the United States as a gift to the American people from the Nippon Bonsai Association for its Bicentennial. The collection includes many prized Bonsai from the collections of many prominent Japanese, including the Emperor and Prime Minister Miki. The collection is in the care of the National Arboretum, which plans construction of a special building for the care and display of the trees.

The Bonsai in the Yellow Oval Room given by the Imperial family is the centerpiece of the gift collection. It is a 180-year-old Japanese red pine planted in a 300-year-old lacquer vase.

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