

ON THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND GRAND MINISTER OF STATE AT EARLY MEIJI PERIOD

This article clarified construction process of the official residences of foreign minister and grand minister of state which installed first and a characteristic of the building among official residences of senior government officials which became necessary to the establishment of the Meiji government. It is known that the housing style with Japanese and European houses adjacent to each other infiltrated to the house of the upper class after the Meiji era as a model widely. This assigned reception space to European house, and life space and the servant space to Japanese house.

However, the official residences of foreign minister and grand minister of state assumed both reception space and life space European house, and attached servant space to Japanese house. In this way, the development of the introduction period was overlooked till now and clarified the process of the trial and error to reach the formation of the housing style for the first time by this article.