

Diplomatic reception timeline

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

18:00 – 18:45 Arrival of Dignitaries and Line of Honor

Guests and foreign dignitaries arrive at the venue and are welcomed by the Ambassador and Chief of Protocol. Official greetings and credentials verification take place in the main foyer.

Location: Grand Foyer, Embassy State Hall

18:45 – 19:15 Welcome Cocktail Reception

Attendees network over light refreshments and aperitifs while background music plays. Protocol officers assist guests in locating their assigned seating cards.

Location: Garden Terrace

19:15 – 19:35 Official Press Photography

Heads of delegation gather for the official group photograph in front of the diplomatic flags. Credentialed international press capture the bilateral gathering.

Location: State Hall Press Area

19:35 – 19:45 Seating of Delegates

Protocol ushers guide dignitaries and delegation members to their designated places at the dining tables. Soft classical music plays as attendees take their seats.

Location: Main Banquet Hall

19:45 – 20:05 Opening Speech by the Ambassador

The host country Ambassador delivers opening remarks highlighting bilateral relations and shared diplomatic goals. Simultaneous translation is provided for foreign delegates.

Location: Main Banquet Hall Stage

20:05 – 20:15 Official Diplomatic Toast

The visiting Foreign Minister responds with brief remarks, concluding with a formal toast to international cooperation. Glasses are raised by all present.

Location: Main Banquet Hall

20:15 – 21:30 Multi-Course Gala Dinner

Guests are served a four-course dinner featuring local culinary specialties paired with fine wines. Banquet service strictly adheres to international diplomatic protocol.

Location: Main Banquet Hall

21:30 – 21:55 Cultural Musical Performance

A celebrated national string ensemble presents a selection of traditional classical pieces. The performance celebrates cross-cultural heritage and artistic partnership.

Location: Main Banquet Hall Stage

21:55 – 22:15 Exchange of Diplomatic Gifts

Delegation heads formally exchange symbolic gifts representing cultural heritage and state honors. Official photographers record each presentation for official archives.

Location: Reception Stage

22:15 – 22:45 Coffee and Informal Networking

Delegates move to the lounge for espresso, digestifs, and unscripted bilateral conversations. The atmosphere shifts to relaxed, high-level diplomatic engagement.

Location: Diplomatic Lounge

22:45 – 23:00 Formal Departure of Guests

Protocol officers coordinate motorcade logistics as visiting dignitaries prepare to depart. The host delegation bids farewell to all departing delegates at the main portico.

Location: Portico Entrance