

STATE DINNER

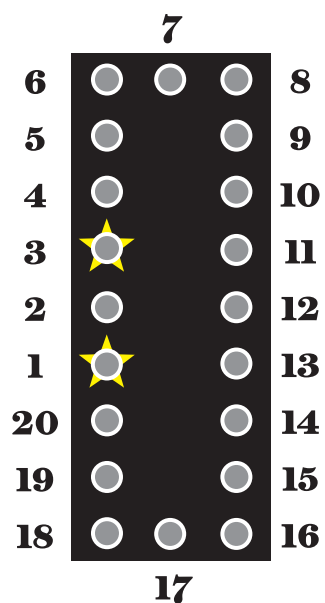


WELCOME PARTY: President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama greet South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and first lady Kim Yoon-ok at the North Portico of the White House.

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WHO RECEIVED AN INVITATION

- President Obama and Michelle Obama
- Lee Myung-bak, president of South Korea, and Kim Yoon-ok
- Charles C. Adams Jr. and Vera Risteski-Adams
- Angella Ahn and Michael P. Moore
- Lucia Ahn and Christiaan P. Ahn
- Maria Ahn and Young Joo Rhee
- Brooke Anderson
- Jae Hyun Bae
- Jaewan Bahk
- Ban Ki-moon, U.N. secretary-general, and Ban Soon-taek
- Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Melodee Hanes
- Rep. Howard L. Berman (D-Calif.) and Janis Berman
- James B. Biden and Sara Biden
- Vice President Biden and Jill Biden
- Stephen Warren Bosworth and Christine H. Bosworth
- Ann W. Brown and Don Brown
- William J. Burns, deputy secretary of state, and Lisa Carty
- Rep. Dave Camp (R-Mich.) and Nancy Camp
- Kurt M. Campbell, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, and Lael Brainard, undersecretary of the Treasury for international affairs
- Jay Carney, White House press secretary, and Claire Shipman
- Julian Castro, mayor of San Antonio, and Erica Lira Castro
- David Chang and Chung Hi Chang
- Juju Chang and Neal Shapiro
- John Cho and June Jay Cho
- Guem Nak Choe
- Joong-Kyung Choi
- Steve Choi and Leena Prisca Choi
- Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) and Mike Eng, California state assembly
- Yungwoo Chun
- Hillary Rodham Clinton, secretary of state
- Bruce Cohen
- Gabriel Catone
- Jeff Cooper and Francesca Moroney Cooper
- Luis Cortes Jr. and Damaris Cortes



- Candy Crowley
- Harry Michael Rosselli
- Stephanie Cutter, assistant to the president and deputy senior adviser
- James Matthew Hock
- William Daley, chief of staff
- Bernadette Keller
- D. Scott Davis
- Gen. Martin Dempsey, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Deanie Dempsey
- Thomas Donilon, national security adviser, and Cathy Russell, chief of staff to Jill Biden
- Shaun Donovan, secretary of housing and urban development, and Liza Gilbert
- Blair Effron and Cheryl Effron
- Michael B.G. Froman, deputy national security adviser, and Nancy Goodman
- Robert L. Gallucci and Jennifer Emily Sims
- Timothy F. Geithner, secretary of the Treasury, and Carole Geithner
- Sloan Gibson and Margaret Duncan Gibson
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court justice

AT THE HEAD DINING TABLE, IN THE EAST ROOM

1. MICHELLE OBAMA
 2. LEE MYUNG-BAK
 3. PRESIDENT OBAMA
 4. KIM YOON-OK
 5. ROBERT KING
 6. ERICA LIRA CASTRO
 7. JUNE CHO
 8. GABRIEL CATONE
 9. KATHLENE KING
 10. JULIAN CASTRO
 11. BAN KI-MOON
 12. NANCY PELOSI
 13. BRUCE COHEN
 14. EMILY RHEE
 15. JOHN CHO
 16. PETER RHEE
 17. NICKI MULALLY
 18. PAUL PELOSI
 19. YOO SOON-TAEK
 20. ALAN MULALLY
- Douglas Edward Goldman and Lisa Goldman
 - Steve Jay Green and Dorothea Green
 - Duck-soo Han, Korean ambassador to the United States, and Ah-Young Choi
 - Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah) and Elaine Hatch
 - William Hite, president's export council, and Patricia Hite
 - Thomas C. Hubbard and Joan Magnusson Hubbard
 - Changsoo Huh
 - Valerie Jarrett, assistant and senior adviser to President Obama
 - Elvin Charity
 - Henry H. Kang and Cassi Bryn Michaelik
 - Sukhee Kang, mayor of Irvine, Calif., and Joanne Wonhee Kang
 - Mark Keam and Alex Seong Keam
 - Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.)
 - Fred Khosravi and Flora Khosravi
 - Christina Kim and Raymond Meier
 - Dae Ki Kim
 - Chang-beom Kim
 - David Kim and Minjae Yuh

- James Yong Kim and Youn Sook Lim
- Kwan Jin Kim
- Sung-hwan Kim and Tae Hyo Kim
- Billie Jean King and Llana Kloss
- Robert Thompson King and Kathleen Eugenie King
- Ron Kirk and Matrice Ellis-Kirk
- Harold Koh and Mary-Christy Fisher
- Howard Kyongju Koh and Claudia Anne Arrigg
- Bon Moo Koo
- Chris Korge and Andrew Korge
- Peter Kraus and Lisa Kraus
- Peter Kwon and Jeanie Kwon
- Jim Leach and Elisabeth Leach
- John Lechleiter and Sarah Lechleiter
- Chang-Rae Lee and Michelle Branca Lee
- Seung Yun Lee, daughter of President Lee
- Won Lee and Young Ja Lee
- Rep. Sander M. Levin (D-Mich.) and Pamela Marie Cole
- James E. Liguori and Stephanie I. Liguori
- Andrew W. Lopez and Camelia Garrido
- Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) and Deb Lugar
- Capricia Penavic Marshall, State Department chief of protocol, and Robert Marshall
- John P. Marttila and Nancy Ellen Marttila
- Linda Mason and Roger H. Brown
- Denis McDonough, deputy national security adviser, and Karin McDonough
- Janelle Monae and Nathaniel Irvin
- Alan Mulally and Nicki Mulally
- Scott A. Nathan and Laura A. Debonis
- Mark Nichols and Jane Siena
- Thomas Nides, management and resources deputy secretary of state, and Virginia Moseley
- Spencer Arthur Overton and Leslie Collins Overton
- Leon E. Panetta, defense secretary
- Deven J. Parekh and Monika Parekh
- Scott Pelley and Jane Boone Pelley

- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), House minority leader, and Paul Pelosi
- David Plouffe, senior adviser to President Obama, and Olivia Morgan
- Peter M. Rhee and Emily Rhee
- Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and Ian Cameron
- Carla A. Robbins and Guy B. Gugliotta
- Lee Rosenberg and Nancy Rosenberg
- Pete Rouse, counselor to President Obama, and Courtney M. Chapin
- Kathryn Ruemmler, assistant and counsel to President Obama
- Danny Russel and Keiko Abo Russel
- Jin Roy Ryu and Helen Lho
- Sheryl Kara Sandberg and Adele Frances Einhorn Sandberg
- Elaine Schuster and Gerald Schuster
- Sydney A. Seiler
- Eugene Sepulveda and Suzanne Deal Booth
- Paull Shin and Donna Shin
- Kyung-shik Sohn
- Unmi Song and Unhae U. Song
- Bobby Stein and Mary C. Stein
- Kathleen Stephens, Korean ambassador, and William C. Harwood
- Ann S. Stock, public diplomacy and public affairs undersecretary of state, and Stuart C. Stock
- Kathy Surace-Smith and Brad Smith
- Suzanne Beatrice Sutley and Nancy Helen Sutley
- Tina Tchen, chief of staff to Michelle Obama
- James D. Thurman, Defense Department, and Delia Lee Thurman
- Melanne Verveer, State Department ambassador at large for women's global issues, and Philip Louis Verveer
- Tom Vilisack, agriculture secretary
- Bob Stallman
- Jai Lee Wong and Kent Douglas Wong

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For this evening, Michelle Obama turns to New York designer Doo-Ri Chung

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we showed was a lot more risqué than what the first lady could wear," Chung said. "Obviously, a thigh-high slit would not work."

A more modest slit remained, leading to a high-waisted belt. Chung said that she accommodated a usual Michelle Obama accessory, while the first

lady respected the fabric choice that the designer favors.

"Jersey, of course. Signature to the house!" she said with a laugh. "I appreciate the dress she asked for doesn't veer off what I usually do."

Why jersey? "I feel jersey is very comfortable." Easier for dancing to Janelle Monae? "Yes! I think so."

The attached belt was made of

crystals wrapped in chiffon and, of course, jersey; the belt's sparkles complemented the fabric's color, which Chung described as a deep hue that changes with the light. "I wanted something with a little bit of an embellishment, but it's still very demure," Chung said.

She did all the work without meeting the president's wife but worked careful-

ly with her measurements. "We tried to keep it very close to the specs," Chung said.

The first lady has made a point of showcasing fashion upstarts and emperors alike, and Chung was enthused to be among them. "I love that she wears Isabel Toledo, Azzedine Alaia, Maria Cornejo," she said. "I love that she supports young designers."

Five years ago, Chung won the Fashion Fund award for fresh talent, given by Council of Fashion Designers of America. In an earlier year, when she was finalist, her design process was captured in the documentary "Seamless" as she reverse-commuted from New York to her parents' dry-cleaning

facility in New Jersey. Their extra square footage served as welcome studio space for a designer still building a following — and a revenue base.

Chung's parents have been kept in the dark about her secret project for the first lady. "I didn't want to get their hopes up," Chung confessed, though she knew they were keenly aware of the South Korean state visit. "They're retired now. They come to all my shows." But they would respect that their daughter had a few more stops in her busy day before she filled them in on her latest success.

"I will call them when I get home," she said.

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