



*Sexta Conferencia Regional Sudamericana
de Ikebana Internacional.*

7 al 10 de junio 2016 - Asunción, Paraguay



**INVITATION FOR THE 6TH SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE OF IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL.
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY**

After 10 years, the South Americans Chapters of Ikebana International will be the host a Regional Conference in Asuncion, Paraguay, situated in the heart of South American countries and organized by I.I. Asuncion Chapter 198, from June 7 to 10 ,2016.

Our theme is *"Flowers for the integration of the cultures"* in homage of 80th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Paraguay. The celebrations are already started from January. And it was declared by House of Representative of Paraguayan Congress as National Interest by the Declaration N° 397 of March 10, 2016 for all events take place throughout the year. Our conference is inside of that program. We also have the sponsorship the Embassy of Japan. Actually we count around 10,000 people among Japanese and Nikkei with huge contributions for the development of Paraguay.

For is conference, we will have the pleasure of the presence of prestigious professor AMI KUDO, member of the Ikebana Ohara School council, as our principal guest demonstrator of Ikebana at the theatre of Japanese Paraguayan Center in which will be held almost all the events. It is one of the most beautiful building of Japanese cultural center in South America, donated by the Japanese Government. We will have also others Ikebana School demonstrations during the conference.

The capital city, Asuncion is consider actually as "The green capital of Ibero American countries" the city is really cover by trees and flowers in spring with many variety of birds. We have rich stories of the heroism of its native women and then the Paraguayan army during the two big international wars. We preserve the bilingual culture the Guarani and Spanish, and the majority of the citizen speak and sing in this language Actually we have a good economic condition with many foreign investment as well as Japanese companies and it security is about 4th place in this region.

Since 1977, Ikebana International, Asuncion Chapter 198 is promoting the art of Ikebana by different media in Paraguay and connecting with the regional and also with USA and Asian countries' chapters.

We hope welcome you all with the traditional Paraguayan warm hospitality and enjoy the art of Ikebana with local materials and making the birth of new friends through flowers to contribute for the peace and harmony in the world.