

Sakura News

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International
President
Nobuko Sakata

Dear Members of Ikebana International,

It is a great honor for me to be elected International president of Ikebana International. At the same time, I feel a huge responsibility.

First of all, I would like to send my sympathy to those who suffered from COVID-19. I would also like to express my gratitude to medical professionals and essential workers for their hard work.

Over the last two years, Ikebana International experienced an unprecedented difficult time. Due to COVID-19 many chapters were obliged to cancel or postpone their activities. However, some chapters started online meetings and virtual exhibitions and online workshops and demonstrations have become more and more popular. After the coronavirus pandemic, these new ways of activities will continue because by using the Internet, members from different countries and areas

can be connected to each other and share programs of chapters at home. Even so, face-to-face meetings are essential for our activities. We may have to wait months or a year until our society returns to normal. But let us meet again in person! This is my motto for business year 2021-2022.

Business Plan 2021-2022

1. Membership

The continued decrease in membership is the significant issue for Ikebana International. COVID-19 might be a big factor for this decrease but the problem of aging members is the more fundamental reason for that. The International Board of Directors started the Membership Drive Campaign in April 2021 and will continue this campaign this term. We encourage chapters to create attractive programs in order to recruit younger people. Also business people and retired men could be potential chapter members. In any case, sowing seeds activities in communities is very important to introduce the charm of Ikebana.

2. Publications

Ikebana International publishes Ikebana International Magazine, Sakura News and Chapter Activities three times a year. As of Volume 66, issue 1, a new company takes charge of editing our magazine. We will review the contents and keep the quality of the magazine high to meet the expectation of members. Since Sakura News is sent together with magazine by sea mail, it takes time to reach our members. At this moment, Sakura News is posted on our home page as soon as it is published. The International Board of Directors will carefully consider the possibility of digitalization of Sakura News.

3. Support for events of Ikebana International

(1) The 12th World Convention will be held in Tokyo from 1st to 4th of May, 2023 at Hotel New Otani. Preparation has already started by committee members. The International Board of Directors will work together to make the 12th World Convention successful.

(2) Regional Conferences

Since the situation of COVID-19 is still unpredictable, the International Board of Directors will maintain close contact with host chapters and watch the situation carefully.

The 15th Asian Regional Conference hosted by Hyderabad Chapter will be held from November 1 to 4, 2022 with Misho-ryu Iemoto Keiho Hihara as principal guest master.

The 19th North and Central American Regional Conference hosted by Philadelphia Chapter is scheduled from October 13 to 17, 2024 and three chapters in Switzerland are planning to organize

the 10th European Regional Conference.

(3) Subsidy for the 50th anniversary of chapters

The International Board of Directors continues to support chapters' 50th anniversary events by providing subsidy and introduces anniversary events in Chapter Activities or in I.I. Magazine.

(4) New Year Gathering 2022

This year, Online New Year Gathering 2021 was held via YouTube live and Zoom as a last resort to cope with COVID-19, and it was received with great appreciation from members worldwide. We have decided to continue this new style of New Year Gathering in order to share New Year's celebration with members.

4. Ikebana Grand Prix

Ikebana Grand Prix sponsored by Teikoku Kadoin will be held in November 2021. Ikebana International gives five Ikebana International Awards at the exhibition.

5. Communication between Headquarters and chapters and Ikebana schools

Communication through Internet is the fastest way to share information between Headquarters and members. We review and update the contents of our website regularly and send latest information not only from Headquarters but also from Ikebana schools and chapters. We will discuss the possibility of using other social media as a tool of communication.

6. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Due to the climate change we have witnessed serious disasters everywhere in the world. As Ikebana practitioners, we have to be well aware of recent environmental problems. We have to think about how to protect forests, keep water and sea clean and prevent global warming. It is too big a problem but as a first step we should start thinking about what we can do and what we should do in the long term.

It is a big challenge for me and with 18 directors working together, I will do my best to pursue my duty. Your cooperation and suggestions are very much appreciated.

Nobuko Sakata

International President

Annual General Meeting, September 21, 2021

Naoko Doi, Recording Secretary

The Annual General Meeting 1

Date: September 21, 2021. 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Place: The International House of Japan, Lecture Hall

5-11-16 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo



Annual General Meeting of Ikebana International was opened by International President Miho Okawara. International President Miho Okawara called Annual General Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Owing to the pandemic, today's Annual General Meeting was held both in person and online. Recording Secretary Naoko Doi reported as follows:

Total number of attendees 835 (including proxies)

1. Business Report for 2020~2021

International President Miho Okawara presented the 2020~2021 Business Report.

2. Financial Report for 2020~2021

Treasurer Reiko Inumaru made the report on financial statement for 2020~2021 business year, which was audited by Accounting Auditor of Ikebana International.

3. Announcement of candidates

Nominating Director Kyoko Ehara announced the candidates' names of 19 Board Directors and one Auditor and one Accounting Auditor.

4. Election of nineteen (19) Directors of the International Board

Election took place for each candidate by a show of hands. Teller Miyoko Watanabe and Chikako Ishima counted the voting numbers.

International President announced that the 19 elected Board Directors for 2021~2022 business year were approved by a majority of affirmative votes. All elected Board Directors accepted to assume office.

5. Election of one Auditor and one Accounting Auditor

Election took place by a show of hands. Teller Miyoko Watanabe and Chikako Ishima counted the voting numbers and International President announced that one Accounting Auditor for 2021~2022 and one Auditor for 2021-2023 business year were elected by a majority of affirmative votes. Elected Auditor and Accounting Auditor accepted to assume office.

6. Annual General Meeting Recess

The Annual General Meeting went recess. New Board of Directors hold the first Board of Directors Meeting.

7. The Annual General Meeting 2

The Annual General Meeting was resumed at 2:10 p.m. International President Nobuko Sakata called the Annual General Meeting second session to order and made a greeting to all participants.

International President Nobuko Sakata introduced newly elected International Board of Directors,

Business	Name	Business	Name
First Vice-President	Shizuko Okubo	Development Director	Chiaki Sugimura
Second Vice-President	Keiko Matsutani	Nominating Director	Chisato Obikane
Third Vice-President	Noriyo Nagasaki	Protocol Director	Tomoko Takada
Recording Secretary	Naoko Doi	Publication Director	Mikie Arai
Corresponding Secretary	Midori Murayama	Public Relations Director	Yoko Ueda
Treasurer	Masumi Narabe	Translation Director	Junko Nakajima
Assistant Treasurer	Kumiko Kameoka	Coordinating Director	Rieko Kawamura
Historian	Chie Nakayama	Website Director	Masako Oura
Amendment Director	Reiko Inumaru	Auditor	Yoshimasa Usui
Convention Director	Wienczyslawa Sato	Accounting Auditor	Mikio Koyano

8. Acceptance Speech and Business Plan

International President made an acceptance speech and presented the business plan for 2021– 2022 business year.

9. Proposed Budget

On behalf of Treasurer, Masumi Narabe, International President reported the Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 business year.

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

International President Nobuko Sakata expressed her gratitude to all participants. This concluded the Annual General Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30p.m.

I.I. Trademark and Emblem

Keiko Matsutani, International Second Vice-President

I would like to express my gratitude for your uninterrupted efforts towards the chapter activities during this COVID-19 pandemic. Under these circumstances, many chapters are making effective use of social networking sites. Taking this opportunity, the Ikebana International Board of Directors has decided to recommend the uniform use of the trademark and emblem throughout the world.

The usage guideline and an application form have been prepared. For more information, please check the Members Only page on the Ikebana International website. To apply, please download the application form and send it to the Ikebana International Headquarters.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Membership

Noriyo Nagasaki, *International Third-Vice President*

The world has been plagued by coronavirus for nearly two years. I hope things will return to nearer the status quo before too long and we will be able to see each other face to face with smiles.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and re-registering as members of Ikebana International. This is in spite of the lockdowns and self-isolation that many have had to endure. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have become new members and to give them a warm welcome.

Unfortunately, the number of registrations as of October 15 is far from the 7,000 that we need for the smooth running of our organization. It is now 5998,15 percent lower than before the corona pandemic.

This is a very serious problem for our organization. Please encourage your friends to join when you have a chance to meet them. We continue to accept new members and renewals of those whose membership has lapsed.

Regarding the "Membership Drive Campaign", I would like to express my sincere respect and gratitude for the effort of the chapters listed below, in spite of the trying circumstances. They have increased their membership by more than 10 percent over the previous year, as of Oct. 15.

Harrisburg #18

Madison #28

Memphis Bamboo #44

Cologne #126

Lansing #134

Tacoma-Olympia #147

Sun Cities #167

Pretoria #179

Ann Arbor #183

Monterey Bay #231

Bangalore #237

Stockholm #241

Dhaka #245

Gurugram #255

Panama #257

Atlanta #265

The following have each had 10 or more new members registered.

Washington D.C. #1

Hong Kong #24

San Francisco Bay Area #31

Portland #47

Philadelphia #71

Taipei #105

Manila #108

Singapore #135

Sun Cities #167

Bangalore #237

Shanghai #267

I would also like to thank all those chapters that have maintained the number of members year on year. Your continued support and cooperation are highly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at i.i.thirdvp@ikebanahq.org

Online "New Year Gathering 2022"

Shizuko Okubo, *Chairperson of New Year Gathering 2022*



The previous "New Year Gathering 2021" was presented to all members and was very well received. We will continue to present the online New Year Gathering in 2022 and International Directors are planning a meeting to celebrate the New Year with all members. It will be distributed to members on YouTube on January 21-22.

We would like to use the Internet to share this wonderful program celebrating the New Year with our members around the world. All the International Directors are working hard to make members all over the world happy. Details will be announced later via email to chapter presidents and on the Headquarters website.

Date and time: 21-22 January 2022 (details to be announced on the Headquarters website NEWS(MEMBER) – IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL (ikebanahq.org))

Location: YouTube distribution (members only)

Program: New Year greetings from HIH Princess Takamado and International President

"Reflecting on the history of Ikebana International" by Etsuko Hattori, Honorary Advisor

Ikebana demonstration by Akane Teshigahara, Iemoto, Sogetsu School

Fee: Free

Let us look forward to enjoying the annual "Online New Year Gathering" with members of the world chapters.

The 12th World Convention

Wieczyslawa Sato, *World Convention Chairperson*

A rhythmical cricket's chirping announces the end of summer, giving relief and certainty that the heat will not come back. It is also a sign that, no matter what is happening in the human world, it is time for us to act. Cultural activities are unassumingly coming back to life and hopefully intercontinental tourism will soon resume, allowing us Ikebana lovers and artists to join the upcoming 12th World Convention in Tokyo in 2023.

Needless to say, the pandemic is proving to be a challenge as we attempt to organize a convention on an international scale, and we find ourselves having to adapt to new circumstances and requirements. As a result, there will be some innovative program changes compared to previous world conventions and we hope that they will meet your needs and expectations.

For your convenience, we are planning to open registration through the I.I. International website. Overseas members will be able to fill out the registration form, pay the convention fee via credit card, and reserve hotel rooms online using the "AMARYS," the latest next-generation web entry system developed by the JTB Group. Detailed information and guidelines regarding how to apply via the I.I. website – on the I.I. World Convention page – will be provided at the beginning of the next year.

In the coming months, I would like to stress that it is very important for you to visit the I.I. website frequently to get the latest information regarding the 12th World Convention.

Major Ikebana demonstrations by Headmasters of Ikebana schools will of course be the highlight of the convention. We invite you to come and explore a wide range of Ikebana styles, from traditional to contemporary, as well as Ikebana schools which you might have wanted to know more about. It will be also an opportunity to return to the roots of Ikebana and together reflect on what this art is, what it does for us and how we can further enhance the spread of Ikebana.

Special hands-on Ikebana workshops conducted by leading artists of various Ikebana schools will help deepen your knowledge about art of Ikebana and enable you to study the latest trends and new techniques in Ikebana regardless your own Ikebana school.

Lastly and importantly, the official Business Meetings (and informal Discussion Meeting) provide a unique opportunity for members to discuss issues, voice opinions and have input into planning new pathways in the coming years ahead. The future is in our hands!

I wish that many of you, artists and lovers of Ikebana alike, will be able to join us and fully enjoy the delicate scent of flowers, the texture of plants in our hands, the sound of snippers and the companionship of water - all integral aspects of presenting and creating Ikebana, which will allow us to heal from the pandemic.

Please understand that plans for the convention are subject to change – and we ask for your patience, understanding and continued support. Thank you.

If you have any questions or opinions you would like to share, please contact us at: ikebanaconvention@ikebanahq.org



The donation toward the 12th World Convention

Nobuko Matsubara, Finance Chairperson of 12th World Convention



We would like to acknowledge and thank **Panama Chapter #257** for their donation of **40,000 yen** toward the 12th World Convention in memory of the late Ms. Shizuyo Nakayama in appreciation of her support in launching the Panama Chapter and support during the first years of the chapter's existence.

Those who wish to make donation toward the 12th World Convention, please use the Convention Bank Account:

Mizuho Bank: Bank Code 0001

Branch Number and the Name: 532, Kudan Branch

Account Number and the Name: 1615262, Ikebana International Sekaitaikai
SWIFT Code: MHCBJPJT
Address: 2-4 Kanda Jimbo-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0051, Japan
Each donation leads to success. Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

Donations - Masumi Narabe, Treasurer

We gratefully acknowledge donations:

- * JYE10,000 - from Stephanie Tomiyasu, Past International President of Ikebana International, in memory of Mr. Kim Schuefftan.
- * JYE110,250 - from Portland Chapter #47
- * JYE50,789 - from Spokane Chapter #230
- * JYE10,587 - from Santiago Chapter #103

On behalf of Ikebana International, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

Payment Options

Masumi Narabe, Treasurer

Foreign Currency Check

All major banks in Japan have stopped accepting foreign currency checks whose payment is made overseas.

PayPal Private Limited

Unfortunately, due to legal and regulatory constraints, PayPal Private Limited is unable to process donation payments for non-registered charities and nonprofit organizations (NPOs), political party/organizations, religious institutions, personal/organizational fundraisers, etc., in countries under its jurisdiction. Accordingly, we ask that all donations sent to Japan, be made by bank transfer. We apologize for the inconvenience this might cause, and thank you for your understanding in this matter

1. CREDIT CARD – PAYPAL ON I. I. WEBSITE

For Membership Dues and Online Shopping

PayPal Handling Charge: +5%

- 1) Credit Card: Visa, Master Card, American Express, etc.
- 2) PayPal Account Transfer: account@ikebanahq.org

2. MONEY TRANSFER – JAPAN POST OFFICE

Only for Japan Domestic, because Japan Post Office terminated the international money transfer service as of March 2020.

Account Number and the Name: 00170-4-719272, Ikebana International

3. MONEY TRANSFER – MIZUHO BANK, LTD

For Membership Dues and Donations

Receiving Bank Charge: + JPY 4,000 / Transfer

Bank Name : MIZUHO BANK, LTD. Kudan Branch.

2-4 Kanda Jimbo-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0051, **JAPAN**

Branch Number: 532

Account Number and the Name: 0719019, Ikebana International

Swift Code: MHCBJPJT

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Why not give an original I.I. book as a holiday present!

Mikie Arai, Publication Director / **Yoko Ueda**, Public Relations Director

『IKEBANA For Kids』

This picture book introduces children to the basic concepts of ikebana without focus on any particular school of ikebana. We hope it inspires them to take up ikebana and discover the beauty of nature.



Size / Page	180×255mm / 16 pages
Color	Color printing
Price	(incl sea shipping): JPY1,320 (incl air shipping): JPY1,610

『Floral Focus・花のなまえ』

Ikebana materials English & Japanese

An English-Latin -Japanese & Japanese-English botanical name dictionary features 845 plants on 130 pages.



Size / Page	148×210mm / 130 pages
Color	Monochrome printing
Price	(incl sea shipping): JPY1,320 (incl air shipping): JPY1,610

Please visit the I.I. online shop at www.ikebanahq.org to register.

Chapter Anniversaries *Congratulations 2021*

65th Anniversary

TOKYO FOUNDING
WASHINGTON D.C.

60th Anniversary

DAYTON
MEMPHIS BAMBOO
PORTLAND
CHARLOTTE
KAMAKURA
ROCHESTER
NORTH CANTON
HONOLULU

55th anniversary

NEW DELHI
COLORADO SPRINGS
NEW ORLEANS
MIDDLE GEORGIA

50th Anniversary

COLOGNE
MONTREAL

40th Anniversary

TORONTO
WILMINGTON

35th Anniversary

VALDIVIA

30th Anniversary

OSAKA

25th Anniversary

BANGALORE
BERLIN

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In Memoriam May - September 2021

Chapter	No.	Name	Chapter	No.	Name
Washington D.C.	1	Ms. Nancy Evans	Bangkok	177	Ms. Bhusdee Navawichit
Sydney	36	Ms. Jenny Orme	Kobe	181	Ms. Hideko Kishi
Rochester	53	Ms. Antoinette Moon	Columbia	182	Ms. Helen Klinar
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