



*Ikebana International
13th World Convention*

**Convention Notes
2025**



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Kyoto International Conference Center
April 25 – April 28, 2025

Welcome to the 13th World Convention



SUCCEED AND CONTINUE

Theme of Ikebana International 13th World Convention

Today in 2025, it is amazing to note that 69 years have passed since Ikebana International was established in 1956 in Tokyo. Our hope then, as now, was to use the spread of Ikebana, an important traditional Japanese culture, as a means of contributing to friendship and peace between nations throughout the world. We have therefore chosen the theme, "Succeed and Continue."

Back then, the founder of Ikebana International Ellen Gordon Allen sowed a seed which sprouted and has been blooming ever since. We continue making efforts to hand the seed over to the next generation.

In 2020, through the great suffering inflicted by Covid-19, we learned an important lesson which is that people need culture, art and social interaction in order to enjoy a happy, fulfilling life – and to help us face the future.

So now, as we stand on the threshold of our 13th World Convention, I invite you to follow in the footsteps of our predecessors and continue to promote the spirit of Ikebana with pride and resolve.

Wherever we are, our hope is that the Ikebana International 13th World Convention will contribute to peace in the world through Ikebana. As we arrange our Ikebana that will certainly come through. My deep gratitude and thanks to all members, host chapters, sponsors and families for your enormous support and generosity.

May you all have a stay that is pleasant and enriching.

Ikebana International 13th World Convention Chairperson
Nobuko Usui

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	
April 24 (Thu)		Setup day		
	1:00-5:00 pm	Friendship Room open	Swan	
	1:00-5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Entrance reception	
	1:00-2:00 pm	Meeting: Resolutions Committee	Room C-1	
	2:30-3:30 pm	Meeting: Minutes Approval Committee	Room C-1	
	4:00-5:00 pm	Meeting: Discussion Leaders	Room C-1	
April 25 (Fri)	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Friendship Room open	Swan	
	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Ikebana Exhibition Preparation	Annex Hall	
	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Registration Desk open	Entrance reception	
	10:00-11:30 am	Culture Programs 1-3	C-1, C-2,104	
	12:30-2:00 pm	Culture Programs 4-6	C-1, C-2,104	
	4:00 pm	Ikebana Exhibition Ribbon Cutting	Annex Hall Foyer	
	6:00-6:50 pm	Opening Ceremony	Main Hall	
	7:10-8:40 pm	Welcome Dinner	Swan & Garden	
April 26 (Sat)	9:00-10:30 am	Business Meeting 1	Room B1	
	9:00 am-5:00 pm	Friendship Room open	Swan	
	11:15-12:45 pm	Working Lunch	The Prince Takaragaike Kyoto Hotel	
	10:00 am-6:00 pm	Ikebana Exhibition open to the public	Annex Hall	
	1:20-2:10 pm	Demonstration by Ohara School	Main Hall	
	3:30-4:20 pm	Demonstration by Ichiyo School	Main Hall	
	5:40-6:30 pm	Demonstration by Ikenobo	Main Hall	
	7:00-8:00 pm	Members' demonstrations	Swan	
	April 27 (Sun)	9:00-10:30 am	Business Meeting 2	Room B1
		9:00 am-5:00 pm	Friendship Room open	Swan
10:00 am-6:00 pm		Ikebana Exhibition open to the public	Annex Hall	
11:30 am-12:20 pm		Demonstration by Ryusei-ha	Main Hall	
2:00-2:50 pm		Demonstration by Saga Goryu	Main Hall	
4:10-5:00 pm		Demonstration by Mishoryu	Main Hall	
6:30-7:20 pm		Demonstration by Sogetsu School	Main Hall	
7:30-9:00 pm	Dismantling of Ikebana Exhibition	Annex Hall		
April 28 (Mon)	9:00 am-2:00 pm	Day Tour (optional)		
	6:00-6:35 pm	Floral tributes	Event Hall	
	6:50-9:30 pm	Sayonara Banquet	Event Hall	

Schedule is subject to change

Registration

Miyoko Watanabe, Chairperson

- ◆ Please complete your registration immediately upon arriving at the Kyoto International Conference Center. Registration is in the Center's Main Entrance.
- ◆ Please present your "Acknowledgement" at the Registration Desk and receive your name tag (ID Card) and souvenir bag.
- ◆ Please always wear your name tag (ID Card) during the Convention.
- ◆ Do not lend your name tag (ID Card) to anyone.

Pre-Registration

April 24 (Thu) 1:00-5:00 pm
Registration: Conference Center Main Entrance

Registration

April 25 (Fri) 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Registration: Conference Center Main Entrance

Hotel Accommodations

For those wishing to arrange accommodations, reservations can be made through the JTB Global Marketing & Travel (JTBGMT) AMARYS system.
E-mail: ikebana-intl13@gmt.jtb.jp

JTB Travel Desk

The JTB Travel Desk will be available next to the Registration Desk on April 24 (Thu) and 25 (Fri). It will provide information about optional tours other than the official Day Tours organized for the Convention.

Cancellation Policy

The refundable amount will depend on the date we receive your cancellation request, as follows:

- 50 percent refund from December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025

- No refund will be made for any cancellation requests received after March 1, 2025
- Please note that the cancellation policy also applies to cancellations or changes to Day Tours, and Culture Programs.
- Substitutes will not be permitted to attend.

Program

Miho Okawara, Chairperson

Opening Ceremony

Date and Time: April 25 (Fri), 6:00 to 6:50 pm
The doors will open at 5:30 pm.
Venue: Main Hall

The Opening Ceremony will recognize the efforts of many individuals in bringing this convention to fruition. Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado will grace the occasion by delivering the opening declaration of the 13th World Convention.

Welcome Dinner

Date and Time: April 25 (Fri), 7:10 to 8:40 pm
Venue: Swan and Garden

Following the opening ceremony, attendees will move to the Japanese Garden at the Kyoto International Conference Center for the Welcome Dinner. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to foster friendships through flowers with participants from around the world.

Dress Code: Semi-formal attire or national dress is warmly welcomed.

Ikebana Demonstrations

Dates and Times:
April 26 (Sat) and April 27 (Sun). For details, see below.
Venue: Main Hall

The 13th World Convention will culminate in a highly anticipated highlight: ikebana demonstrations by the headmasters and headmistresses of seven prestigious ikebana schools.

Iemoto Demonstrations

April 26 (Sat):
Ohara School 1:20 pm-2:10 pm (doors open 1:00 pm)
Ichiyo School 3:30 pm-4:20 pm (doors open 3:10 pm)
Ikenobo School 5:40 pm-6:30 pm (doors open 5:20 pm)

April 27 (Sun):
Ryusei-ha 11:30 am-12:20 pm (doors open 11:10 am)
Saga Goryu 2:00 pm-2:50 pm (doors open 1:40 pm)
Misho-ryu 4:10 pm-5:00 pm (doors open 3:50 pm)
Sogetsu School 6:30 pm-7:20 pm (doors open 6:10 pm)

All registered participants of the 13th World Convention are cordially invited to attend these demonstrations. It is a rare and a valuable opportunity to witness seven distinguished ikebana schools come together in one event, and we encourage everyone to take full advantage of this unique experience.

Important Notes for Demonstrations

1. Seating: All registered members will be seated in designated areas.
2. Identification: Name tags (ID Cards) must be worn at all times.
3. Photography and Videotaping: Strictly prohibited during the demonstrations.
4. Mobile Devices: All mobile phones and alarms must be switched off.
5. Food and Beverages: Not permitted inside the venue.
6. After each demonstration, all attendees are required to vacate the venue.
Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Members' Exhibition

Dates and Times:

April 26 (Sat), 10:00 am-6:00 pm

April 27 (Sun), 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Venue: Annex Hall

We are delighted to present an extraordinary exhibition featuring 300 beautiful ikebana displays, created by the talented registrants of the 13th World Convention, and celebrate their remarkable artistry and dedication. In addition, the exhibition will showcase the works of approximately 25 distinguished ikebana professionals, including the iemoto (headmasters) of prominent ikebana schools.

Preparations for the exhibition will take place on Friday, April 25, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, culminating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially inaugurate the event.

On April 26 and 27, the exhibition venue will be open to all registered attendees, offering them a unique opportunity for immersion in the world of ikebana. Visitors will also have the privilege of admiring masterpieces by the iemoto of seven distinguished ikebana schools representing the pinnacle of tradition and innovation in this timeless art form.

Requirements for Participating in the Exhibition

All exhibitors are kindly requested to carefully review the detailed guide provided.

1. All exhibitors must bring their confirmation sheet to the exhibition site in the Annex Hall after completing the general on-site registration. At that time, they will receive their exhibition nameplate and be informed of their assigned location in the exhibition.
2. The arrangement space for each exhibitor is 90 cm wide, 90 cm deep, and 70 cm high.
3. Exhibitors are required to bring their own container, kenzan (pin holder or frog), hasami

(scissors), towels, and a protective sheet to cover the table and floor while creating their arrangement. Regarding flower containers to be used in the exhibition, the renowned specialty store "Umeno" will have a booth outside the flower exhibition venue where containers and ikebana-related materials may be purchased.

4. Preparation Time

The setup time for ikebana arrangements is on Friday, April 25, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Following this, at 4:00 pm, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the exhibition will be held. The exhibition will open to the public on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and on Sunday, April 27, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

5. Florist

For this World Convention, we have partnered with Kyoto's renowned and long-established florist, Hanamasa. Orders for spring flowers and branches began in December, with the ordering period open until approximately one month before the start of the World Convention. An order form was sent to all exhibitors. If you wish to place a pre-order, please use the provided form.

6. Important Note: Please refrain from directly contacting Hanamasa. All order forms should be sent to the World Convention Exhibition Director.

7. Please pick up your flower materials at Hanamasa located outside the venue. The ordering process is detailed in the guide sent to exhibitors; please follow these instructions when placing your order.

8. Hanamasa will also have a shop at the exhibition site foyer selling flowers, leaves, and branches. While floral materials can be purchased at the World Convention venue, specific materials cannot be requested. Operating hours will be limited, so placing a pre-order is highly recommended.

9. After completing your arrangement, please place your nameplate in front of your display.

10. Dismantling

Please ensure the dismantling of ikebana arrangements is completed on Sunday, April 27, between 7:30 and 9:00 pm.

Member Demonstrations

Date and Time: April 26 (Sat), 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Venue: Swan

Dynamic overseas members, deeply dedicated to the art of ikebana, will present their work in the open space "Swan." Talented practitioners representing a variety of countries and ikebana schools will showcase their works in two sessions featuring one group of members in the first half, and another in the second. This demonstration, open to all participants registered for the 13th World Convention, offers a unique opportunity to witness the global diversity and artistry of the ikebana community.

Culture Program(Prepaid Optional Tours)

Date: April 25 (Fri)
Venue: C-1, C-2, 104

This program offers morning and afternoon sessions for a total of six classes, with three held in the morning and three in the afternoon, allowing participants to experience traditional Japanese crafts.

Morning Session

10:00 am-11:30 am

- Ikebana by Kagei Adachi school
- Gold leaf on wood
- Obi Art (art of folding and shaping kimono sashes obi)

Afternoon

12:30 pm-2:00 pm

- Bamboo Craft
- Japanese Temari (Traditional Handcrafted Balls)
- Kirara Hana Tsutsumi (ikebana with paper to wrap containers with braided kumihimo cords)

Day Tours(Prepaid Optional Tours)

Date and Time: April 28 (Mon), 9:00 am-2:00 pm

This tour offers participants the chance to visit various temples in Kyoto, some of which hold historical significance for ikebana. The itinerary includes sites with deep connections to specific ikebana schools that have long-standing ties to these temples.

Participants will gather at Kyoto International Conference Center at 9:00 am, where tour buses will transport them in small groups to the designated destinations. A traditional Shokado bento, inspired by kaiseki cuisine, will be provided for lunch.

All participants will travel aboard chartered buses, returning to the departure point at Kyoto International Conference Center. To ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees, participants will not be permitted to disband at the tour destinations. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard. The anticipated return time to Kyoto International Conference Center is approximately 2:00 pm.



Formal Meals

April 25 (Fri) Welcome Dinner 7:10-8:40 pm
Japan Garden and Swan

Dining method: Stand-up style

April 28 (Mon) Sayonara Banquet 6:00-9:30 pm
Event hall

- On the back of the name tag (ID Card) given to each registrant, there will be a seating chart that shows which table the registrant should sit at for the Sayonara Banquet on Monday, April 28.
- The seating arrangements for each meal will be displayed at the entrance to the Friendship Room and Event Hall.
- Just before the meal time, many people are likely to gather at the entrance to the Event Hall. Safety is very important. We ask your cooperation

in keeping walkways clear.

Special Menus: Vegetarian, Non-Beef, Non-Pork

- At each meal, please take the special menu card (Green = Vegetarian, Red = Non-Beef, Yellow = Non-Pork) out of your name tag (ID card) holder and put it on the table in front of you so that the servers can easily identify your meal requirement.
- We regret that, during the World Convention, it will be impossible to make any change in the meal requirement that you indicated at the time of registration. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Lunch will not be provided, but there are convenience stores and supermarkets within walking distance of the venue.

Entertainment

April 28 (Mon) Nohgaku (Noh Japanese Traditional drama) Event Hall

Friendship Room Swan

All registered users may use the room free of charge. Food and drinks provided are free of charge to registrants.

The latest information from each chapter will be on display in the Friendship Room.

Please feel free to come together in this perfect space to enjoy delightful conversations.

- Hospitality Committee: wearing pink sashes
- Friendship Room staff: wearing pink T-shirts. We look forward to welcoming you.

New information will be continually updated on the Ikebana International website World Convention page. Please check it regularly



Business

Nobuko Sakata, Chairperson

Business Meetings

1st: April 26 (Sat)

9:00–10:30 am Room B-1 (2F)

2nd: April 27 (Sun)

9:00–10:30 am Room B-1 (2F)

The Business Meetings are open to all members registered for the World Convention. However, only Delegates are allowed to speak and vote at the Business Meetings. When a designated Delegate cannot attend a Business Meeting, an Alternate may replace the Delegate with the approval of the Delegates and Alternates Director.

Proposed resolutions, amendments and revisions to the International Bylaws that are approved by the Resolutions Committee will be discussed and voted on.

Delegates and Alternates

Before the World Convention, all Delegates and Alternates will receive a letter confirming that they are representing their chapter at the Business Meetings. Please remember to bring that letter with you in order to help those who are responsible for check-in at the Delegates and Alternates desk in the registration area. As soon as you complete your registration for the convention, please drop by the Delegates and Alternates desk and receive a packet of materials.

Working Lunch

April 26 (Sat)

11:15–12:45

Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel, Prince Hall (B2)

Only those members who signed up for the Working Lunch when they registered for the World Convention may attend this meeting.

Over lunch, participants can enjoy a pleasant informal gathering and discussion with members worldwide. Participants are encouraged to sit with members from different chapters and exchange views and ideas concerning our organization.

Table Discussion Leaders are requested to attend a pre-meeting on April 24 (Thu) from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at Conference Center, Room C-1. The announcement will be sent to Table Discussion Leaders before the World Convention.



Resolutions

Elizabeth Angell, Chairperson

Thank you to all chapters that have considered issues and sent resolutions so that their members' views can be heard.

Three resolution proposals have been received and will be studied by the International Board of Directors and sent to the International Parliamentarian to be reviewed for legal issues, compliance, and possible duplication with existing policies and the current International Bylaws. The resulting resolutions will then be sent to the members of the Resolutions Committee through the committee Chairperson.

On April 24 (Thu) from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, prior to the first Business Meeting at the World Convention, the Resolutions Committee will meet, at which time it will vote on the resolutions. Any resolutions that are approved by at least two-thirds vote of the Committee will be put into final form for presentation at the Business Meetings.

All members of Ikebana International will be notified of any resolutions that have been ratified at the World Convention and have thus become effective.



Finance

Rieko Kawamura, Chairperson

The Finance Committee desk is located in Room H.

Desk hours:

April 24 (Thu) 1:00–5:00 pm

April 25 (Fri) 9:30 am–5:00 pm

April 26 (Sat) 9:30 am–5:00 pm

April 27 (Sun) 9:30 am–5:00 pm

Fund-raising

We greatly appreciate your donations. We are still accepting donations. All donations help fund the success of the 13th World Convention.

Please send donations to the following account:
Mizuho Bank, Kudan Branch
Account number: Savings account No. 1615262
Account name: Ippan Shadan Hojin Ikebana International Sekaitaikai

Sales Booths

Items related to Ikebana and to Kyoto and Japan will be on sale.

You will find gifts for family and friends, and souvenirs for yourself.

The Sales Booths are located on Annex Hall Foyer.

Hours

April 25 (Fri) 9:30 am–3:00 pm

April 26 (Sat) 9:30 am–5:00 pm

April 27 (Sun) 9:30 am–5:00 pm

Ticket sales for the Ikebana Exhibition

Tickets for the Exhibition for guests can be purchased at the entrance of the Exhibition area, Annex Hall Foyer.

Ikebana Exhibition: ¥1,000

Registrants may visit the Ikebana Exhibition freely, no ticket required.



General Affairs

Kumiko Kameoka, West Chairperson
Nobuko Matsubara, East Chairperson

World Convention Administration Office

The administration office will be open at Room H during the convention on the following dates.

April 24 (Thu) 9:00 am–5:00 pm

April 25 (Fri) 9:00 am–9:00 pm

April 26 (Sat) 9:00 am–7:00 pm

April 27 (Sun) 9:00 am–9:00 pm

April 28 (Mon) 9:00 am–10:00 pm

Please note: The office will be closed during the Welcome Dinner on April 26 and Sayonara Banquet on April 28.

The Registration Committee, Financial Committee, General Affairs Committee, and Stage director will be located in the administration office.

A copy machine, full-length mirror, white board, and bed will be available.

Information Desk

We provide following services/information at the Information Desk.

- Guidance on the event program and locations in the building.
- Site map of events at the Kyoto International Conference Center.
- Referring to Kyoto maps, we will provide information on restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, etc. near the venue.
- Other support such as guidance on lost property and assistance with visitors who require support at the event venue.

First Aid Response

During the event, we are prepared to respond to emergencies with an AED, a first aid kit, and available beds. In the event of suspected cardiac arrest, a doctor will be called to use the AED and CPR will be

performed if necessary. Minor injuries or illnesses will be treated with the first aid kit, and those who have been injured or are feeling unwell will be provided with a bed to rest.

Special Souvenir Bag and Souvenirs

Japan's prestigious Tatsumura Textile Co., Ltd. has produced special souvenir bags for participants at the 13th World Convention in Kyoto. The beautiful bag, in the green image color of the convention, may be used for a long time as a memento of your time in Kyoto. Other complimentary souvenir items include Japanese sweets, ballpoint pens, and handmade coasters.

Foreign Currency Exchange

Currency may be exchanged at the Business Center.

Access

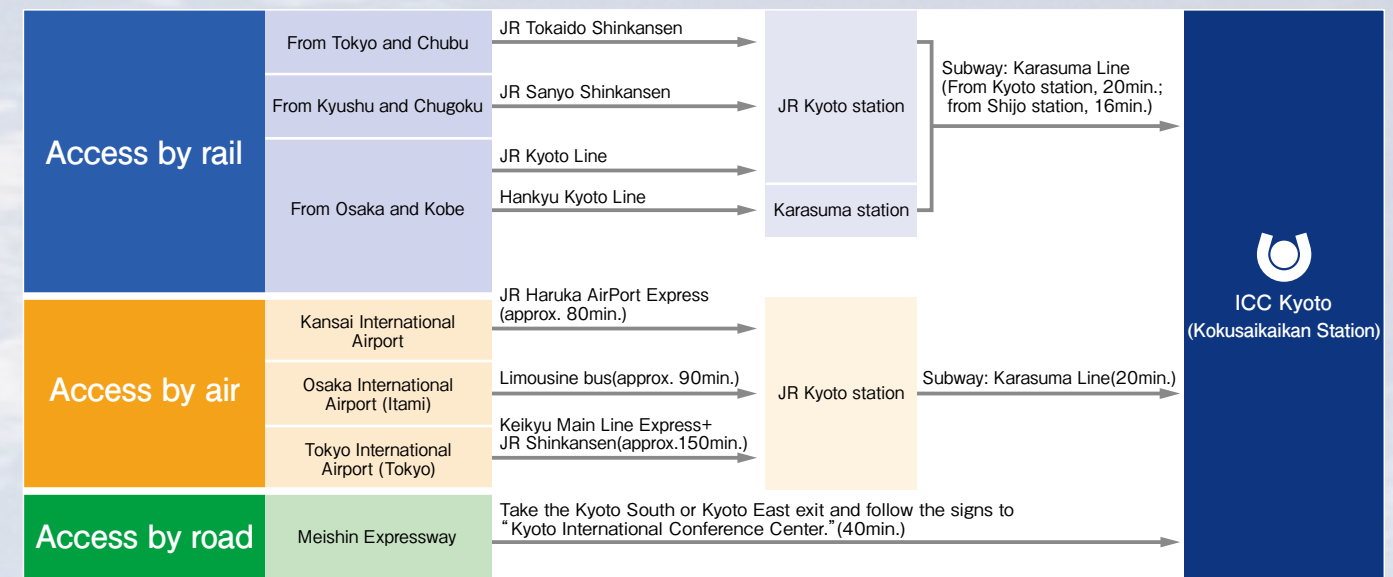
- Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center <https://www.icckyo.or.jp>
- Transportation: From Kyoto Station take the Karasuma Subway Line to Kyoto International Conference Center (Kokusaikaikan Eki). Exit 4-2

Kyoto International Conference Center



ACCESS INFORMATION

The Venue: **Kyoto International Conference Center** <https://www.icckyo.or.jp>



Transportation:

From Kyoto Station(K11) take subway Karasuma Line (Line K) to Kyoto International Conference Center (K01, Kokusai-kaikan Eki). 5-minute walk from Kokusai-kaikan Station on the Karasuma Subway Line. Exit 4-2





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