

Join Us and Try Ikebana

You can casually start ikebana as your relaxation. Ikenobo ikebana classes are available everywhere in your country. Please feel free to visit our ikebana workshops or your local ikebana classes.



IKEBANA for your life



Rokkakudo Temple

Birthplace of Ikebana

The Headquarter of Ikenobo is located in Rokkakudo in Kyoto, the temple which is said to be established by Prince Shotoku (574-622). The first chief priest was reported to be Ono no Imoko, the official envoy dispatched to the Sui Dynasty of China, and since then Ikenobo headmasters have been serving as a chief priest of Rokkakudo Temple. Rokkakudo has many spots for sightseeing, such as



Shiuizan Chohoji Temple (Rokkakudo)

Navel Stone that is said to be the center of Kyoto, Hexagonal Willow believed to fulfill matchmaking wishes, and Weeping Cherry Tree that first announces spring in Kyoto with its blossoms.



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Origin of Ikebana



Check out various ikebana contents in Ikenobo's official SNS!!



Enjoy Flowers to Add Flourish to Your Life

Ikebana Started from Ikenobo

It is said that ikebana originated from religious offerings of flowers from a monk before the Buddhist deities in Rokkakudo Temple in Kyoto. The name Ikenobo, which means “a house beside the pond,” came from the monk’s main lodging house built next to the pond. Ikebana developed through the Muromachi Era (14th-16th centuries) as decorative art for rooms, to go with the significant architectural changes happening in Japan at the time. Ikenobo Sen’no, the Headmaster of that time, then established the principle of ikebana, an unbroken tradition handed down, right to the present day.

Find and Respect the Radiance of LIFE —Philosophy of Ikenobo Ikebana—

Ikenobo follows and develops on the idea that “Even withered flowers are full of charm.” Here, flowers are not just appreciated for their beauty, but they are also seen as a symbol of life, where buds have a future to change to blooms, and withered flowers show their lived-out history. Finding beauty at every stage of the life of plants; such a viewpoint based on the Japanese traditional value of “*wabi-sabi*,” is the core spirit of Ikenobo ikebana, and is the philosophy we cherish.

Three Styles of Ikenobo Ikebana

Free Style

Give Form to Your Spontaneous Idea

Free Style may be the most familiar style among Ikenobo’s three styles. From classical to modern artistic, various ikebana expressions are possible. Creative ideas can be freely expressed in Free Style. You can enjoy infinite possibilities.



Shoka

Longing for Nature



Since the mid of Edo Era (the 18th century), *Shoka* has been cherished as a dignified ikebana style as a flower for *tokonoma* (an alcove in a traditional Japanese room). The number of flower materials are fewer compared to *Rikka* or Free Style, where no more than three flowers are accepted to express the vigor of growing plants from the ground. With fewest flower materials, *Shoka* is most dignified flower style among the three.

Rikka

Grace of Tradition and Magnificent Landscape



Established in the Muromachi Era, the *Rikka* has been handed down in Ikenobo. It represents a harmony of wide variety of plants in natural world. *Rikka*, although it is the most classical ikebana style, has continuously been gaining attention by many people in the contemporary days.

Ikenobo Actions Toward Future

We strive for promoting ikebana through various activities. Our effort of disseminating this Japanese culture backed by spiritual and technical values continues for the future.

01 Hatsuike Ceremony

Annual New Year’s reception event handed down from ancient days to celebrate the new year and make a fresh determination to our devotion to ikebana.

02 Ikebana Exhibitions

Held various places all over the world. The Autumn Tanabata Exhibition held annually in November is the oldest and largest ikebana exhibition continued from the Edo Era.

03 Activities Overseas

Globally communicating the traditional culture through ikebana demonstrations, workshops, and exhibitions.

04 Kado Promotion to Young Generations

For children and students, various ikebana activities are promoted in schools all over Japan, as well as many other countries.

05 Other Ikebana Promotion Activities

Ikebana workshops and events are held all over the world.

