

## **What is Ikebana?**

Ikebana (Japanese style of flower arrangement), which literally means "flowers kept alive", developed into a distant art form in Japan in the 5th century, and is now practiced all over the world, including Pakistan. The attention given to choice of plant material and container, the placement of the branches, and the relationship of the branches to the container and surrounding space has distinguished this art from purely decorative uses of flowers. The fragrance of flowers and artistic skill with a creative approach gives spiritual as well as aesthetic pleasure to the viewer in this form of art. Then flowers do not look like flowers but a piece of art.



Today, there are approximately 3,000 Ikebana schools in Japan, with 15 million to 20 million students, mostly women between the ages of 18 to 26. The most popular styles of flower arrangement in Japan are the Sogetsu, Ikenobo and Ohara.

To promote the art of Ikebana in Pakistan the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan holds Ikebana workshops regularly during the spring season in different cities of Pakistan for the last many years.

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**JAPANESE IKEBANA WORKSHOP**

At the Defence Public Library, Lahore  
(20-21 March 2015) (3 to 5 pm)

**by PROFESSOR ASIFA ATAKA**

**Ladies are requested to register for participation in the Workshop**

**Ikebana participant's registration form**

(Please, use block letters)

Name of participant.....

Designation/Name of Office/School/College attending, if any:.....

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Office Ph:.....

Residence Ph:.....

Cell:.....

Fax No:.....

Email:..... (for sending confirmation)

Yes

No

Have you attended any course such as this in the past?

If yes, please mention year of certification and name of city:.....

**Postal Address:** Office:.....

Residence:.....

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**DHA Library, Lahore: For registration**, please submit this form, duly filled, to Malik Azam Shabbir, Defence Public Library, Z-Bloc DHA Lahore Cantt Pak, (opp Grid Station Main Ghazi Rd), Ph 35734031 Cell 0345 4203830, e-mail:- [azamshabbir@yahoo.com](mailto:azamshabbir@yahoo.com) or send this form by post, email or fax, duly filled, to the following address on or before 18 March 2015.

Mr. Mushtaq Moeeni, Senior Cultural Advisor, Embassy of Japan, Diplomatic Enclave 1, Islamabad. Ph: 051-9072500 ext 225, fax: 051-9072357 email: [mushtaq.moeeni@ib.mofa.go.jp](mailto:mushtaq.moeeni@ib.mofa.go.jp)

***Note: The requests will be entertained on first come first served basis; if the number of requests exceeds the limit.***

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**Important Note to all participants of Defence Public Library, Lahore:**

The Ikebana Workshop will be held on (20, 21 March 2015, Total two days)

All the participants of **Defence Public Library, Lahore** will come to Alhamra Art Gallery, The Mall, Lahore on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 10 am and prepare one Ikebana arrangement for display in the exhibition and will attend Ikebana demonstration and certificate award ceremony at 11 am at the Alhamra Hall - III, The Mall, Lahore. They may like to invite their families to attend the Ikebana Demonstration as well.

All participants are requested to bring the following material on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015:

1. One 12 inches (approximately) diameter flat flower vase of any shape. (Round, square or rectangle etc.)		
2. Pin holder, preferably big (One)		

3. Flower cutter (One) (as shown in picture one or any other type)
4. One square yard plastic sheet
5. Long stem roses (Five)
6. Few leaves (Umbrella palm etc.)
7. Some straight Branches

**Note:**

Please call Mr. Mushtaq Moeeni, Senior Cultural Advisor, Embassy of Japan, Islamabad at ph: No. 051-9072225 or send email: [mushtaq.moeeni@ib.mofa.go.jp](mailto:mushtaq.moeeni@ib.mofa.go.jp) for any query in this regard.