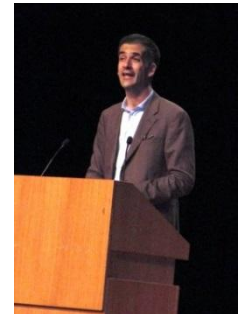
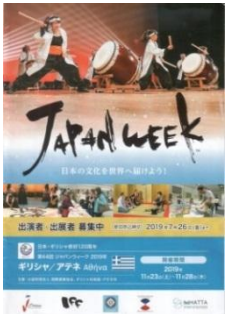


November 2019: "Japan Week"

Celebration of the 120th anniversary of the "Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation" signed by Japan and Greece in 1899. The International Friendship Foundation – "IFF" organized in "MEGARON, Athens Concert Hall" various festivities for the occasion. 700 Japanese volunteers visited Greece and presented to the Greek population from November 23rd to November 28th in "Megaron" the wonderful traditional arts of Japan. The President of the Greek Chapter of Ohara School of Ikebana, Joanna Charitou Barczyk, received the honorable invitation of "IFF" to present two arrangements of Ohara Ikebana.

Welcome reception of the Mayor of Athens, Mr. Costas Bakoyannis, at MEGARON.



Dr. Stelios Papalexandropoulos

Members of Ohara Sapporo Chapter and its President Mrs Kei Yokoi & Mr. & Mrs Barczyk



Japan Week

The wonderful traditional arts of Japan were represented by the 700 Japanese volunteers and were highly praised by the inhabitants of Athens. The traditional art Ikebana was represented by the Ikebana Schools: Sogetsu, Saga Goryu Kado Hokuriku and Ohara.

The Ohara School of Ikebana was represented by the Ohara Sapporo Chapter of Hokaido and the Ohara Greek Chapter of Athens. Greek Chapter President, Joanna Charitou Barczyk, created an Ikebana Vase arrangement and invited Greek Chapter's Board Member, Annie Boyer Dimitracopoulou to create an Ikebana Moribana arrangement for the occasion.

OHARA SCHOOL of Ikebana presentation at the Japanese Week

Ohara Sapporo Chapter's arrangements



Ohara Greek Chapter's arrangements



Sapporo Chapter members with Annie Boyer Dimitracopoulou and Sophia Spitha

Mr. Yasuhiro Shibana of IFF and Joanna Charitou Barczyk



Ms Kaori Moriyama of IFF

Mrs Dina Anastassiadou

Greek Chapter's Board members



Heartfelt thanks from Joanna Barczyk to Annie Boyer Dimitracopoulou for her precious assistance

