

A spring flowering of ikebana and kimono in Sydney



*The restrictions on gatherings this year have meant Japanese cultural and social groups have had to adapt. Some have offered online activities such as the **AJS-NSW online cultural series**. As spring came to Sydney, Consul-General Kiya had the pleasure of attending several cultural activities in person.*

On 17 September, **Ikebana International Sydney Chapter** held their Annual General Meeting (AGM). While taking precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19, members exhibited beautiful works and gave an ikebana demonstration.

Consul-General Kiya attended the AGM and gave a speech about how the activities of Ikebana International Sydney Chapter have contributed to the development of multiculturalism and Japan-Australia relations.

www.sydneyyikebana.org

In the morning of 26 September, Consul-General Kiya made a visit to “**Kimono Sale and Demonstration**” in Paddington, the very first cultural event organised by the **Japan Club of Sydney (JCS)** this year.

The kimono fair was held over the weekend of 26-27 September. There were already many people there when the Consul-General visited, and people dressed in stylish kimono brought a touch of Japan to inner-city Sydney.

www.japanclubofsydney.org

NOTE: JCS is one of the three Japanese organisations in Sydney that Consul-General Kiya introduces in his newsletter No. 24.



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