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To Mrs. Shunzuen Suzue Rother-Nakaya, the President of Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter, Members of Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter and honored guests

I am very happy to offer my congratulation to Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

55 years is going to be passed since Mrs. Shunzuen Suzue Rother-Nakaya started to teach ikebana in Switzerland from 1969. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to her and every member of the Chapter who are learning the technique and spirit of Ikenobo ikebana with all their hearts, widely promoting Ikenobo ikebana in Switzerland and made the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a success. Also, I am grateful to all the relevant people who offer their support to Ikenobo ikebana.

Ikebana is the traditional culture representing Japan and creates new things constantly. It is necessary for us to keep considering what people nowadays are thinking and expecting when arranging ikebana. It is also very important to create things suitable for the time. The teaching of Ikenobo ikebana is handed down from teachers to students through generations. And the path where teachers and students are walking connects to the history of Ikenobo over 560 years.

I hope through the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events held in the wonderful country Switzerland, more people will know about the beauty and sprit of Ikenobo.

Sincerely yours,

Sen'ei Ikenobo  
Forty-fifth Generation Ikenobo Headmaster