

## « English Course Kyoyo Ka A »

### *A program of formation in English at Ikenobo Central Institute (Kyoto)*

Since 2018, the Ikenobo Central Institute « Chuo Kenshu Gakuin » organizes in Kyoto a program of formation in English. On February 2020, the first « English Course Kyoyo Ka A » arrived to conclusion. The participants were 35 persons from North-America, Asia (Hong-Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia) and Europe (England, Austria and Switzerland). Two of them from Ikenobo Swiss Central Chapter have applied with the recommendation of Rother-Nakaya sensei and finished the course successfully.

The « English Course Kyoyo Ka A » consists in a 20 days course realized in four sessions of five days, each one in a different season of the year. Professor Manabu NODA and Katsuhito KURATA have taught following an official curriculum. New textbooks in English on Free style and on Rikka style have been also useful. Finally, a series of books for intermediate students translated in English is now on sale at Kadosha.

The session of February 2020 consisted in a three days course and one day for a « Graduating Exhibition ». And on the last day took place a graduating and Tachibana prize award ceremony, and the distribution of diplomas.

Surely, this last session was the most eventful and emotional of all ! Not only because of an atmosphere already a little touched by the « new coronavirus », but also because of the Exhibition, as an experience in itself. Together with the « English Course » class, there were also many other classes of Kyoyo Ka A and Kyoyo Ka B, from Kyoto and from Tokyo Ikenobo Institute !

In the morning - time to create an arrangement within three and a half hours (free choice of style and floral material) at the place of exhibit

In the afternoon - seven Professors of Ikenobo Institute and Ikenobo Senko sama, Headmaster designate, have examined each arrangement and given helpful comments and advices

In the evening - a banquet took place in the huge space of a grandhotel in the City, where the participants of Kyoyo Ka A and Kyoyo Ka B - probably more than two hundred - could show their sing and karaoke talents !

The dates of the next « English Course Kyoyo Ka B » were fixed on July 2020. Because of the COVID pandemic, they have now been postponed.

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