

Statement by Ambassador Ishikawa Hiroshi at
Singapore Sogetsu Association Charity Exhibition

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Mrs Pandora Ip, President of Singapore Sogetsu Association,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening. It is with great pleasure that my wife and I join you tonight for the opening of the Charity Exhibition in celebration of the 59th anniversary of the Singapore Sogetsu Association (SSA).

Since its establishment, the SSA has been dedicated to advancing the traditional art of Japanese flower arrangement. The SSA has successfully fostered a blooming community of practitioners and enthusiasts in Singapore, who share a common appreciation for Ikebana.

I am pleased to hear that the Association is contributing the proceeds from this exhibition to HCSA Community Services (SPIN (スピン)), an organisation dedicated to assisting single parent families. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the Singapore Sogetsu Association, President Mrs Pandora Ip and all members for staying true to the Association's founding philosophy, "spreading love and charity through flowers".

I would like to express my warmest congratulations to the SSA on its 59th anniversary and wish the Association a great success in this exhibition. As we look forward to next year, marking both the 60th anniversary of SSA and the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan, I truly hope that SSA continues to thrive, and its activities further enhance the friendship between Singapore and Japan.

Thank you.