

**ANNEX**

**SAKURA FEATURING TOKIDOKI CHARACTERS**

Fubuki, Ichiyo, Haru & Harumi, Yoshino and Sakurako – tokidoki’s five magical Unicorns – join the ever-popular characters SANDy and Donutella in making their debut at this year’s Sakura floral display. Spot the colourful tokidoki characters in a landscape featuring *torii* gates, *hanami* settings, Japanese floral art by Ikebana International Singapore, and a display of Japanese carp streamers known as *koinobori* on loan from the Japanese Association, Singapore. Take in the ephemeral beauty of cherry blossoms as you explore a magical giant box with *marumado*, or traditional round Japanese windows with a view.

**Date:** Friday, 4 March to Sunday, 3 April

**Time:** 9am to 9pm

**Location:** Flower Dome

**Details:**

- Admission charge to Flower Dome applies
- Visit [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura) for details

**SAKURA: CULTURAL PROGRAMMES**

Experience the intricacies of Japanese culture through a variety of programmes complementing the Sakura floral display, including cultural performances and workshops organised in collaboration with the Japan Creative Centre, the cultural arm of the Embassy of Japan in Singapore.

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Koto & Erhu Performance	Saturday, 5 March	2pm to 2.30pm and 3.30pm to 4pm	Flower Field Hall*
Japanese Folk Dance	Saturday, 5 March	5pm to 5.20pm	Flower Field Hall*
Tea Ceremony Workshop	Saturday, 12 March	2pm to 2.40pm and 4pm to 4.40pm	Waterview Room*

\*Does not include admission into Flower Dome

**Details:**

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- Visitors are required to pre-book their time slots and adhere to the safety measures on-site
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**Koto & Erhu Performance**

Hear the unique duet of the Japanese koto and Chinese erhu in this collaborative performance by Koto Group and Niko Dokokai of The Japanese Association, Singapore.



### **Japanese Folk Dance**

Dance along with Minyo Club of The Japanese Association, Singapore as they showcase folk dances from all over Japan, as well as the Bon Odori, which was composed in Singapore.

### **Tea Ceremony Workshop**

In this introduction to the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, participants will be briefed on the various types of tea ceremonies and the expected flow of a typical event. They will be introduced to the etiquette of a guest, including practicing receiving, consuming and sharing the tea session with other participants. At the end of the session, participants will make a delicious *usucha* (a thin matcha preparation).

### ***ELEMENTS OF IKEBANA WORKSHOP***

Participants will be introduced to the elements of ikebana and learn the Japanese art of floral arrangement from different schools.

**Date:** Saturday, 12 March and Saturday, 19 March

**Time:**

- Saturday, 12 March
  - By Midori Itai from Souami School: 12.30pm to 1.30pm
  - By Ong Kid Ching from Ohara School: 3pm to 4pm
- Saturday, 19 March
  - By Mr Christopher Lim from Sogetsu School: 2pm to 3pm
  - By Dr Leonard Lim from Ikenobo School: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

**Location:** Ficus Room, Active Garden

**Details:**

- \$80/pax (Fee includes workshop materials)
- Register with Ikebana International Singapore via email at [ikebanasc135@gmail.com](mailto:ikebanasc135@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, 8 Mar** for sessions on Saturday, 12 Mar and **Tuesday, 15 Mar** for sessions on Saturday, 19 Mar
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