

## Certificate of Commendation Awarded to Ikebana International

On Saturday, June 3, 2017, Ambassador Nakano presented the Certificate of Commendation to Ikebana International St. Andrew Chapter 156 at their floral exhibition held at the Jamaica Horticultural Society, in Hope Gardens. The group has been contributing to promote the art of Ikebana in Jamaica through exhibitions and workshops for some 47 years. The chapter has also been collaborating with the Embassy of Japan by providing floral arrangements at the Embassy's events. This award was given in appreciation of their contribution to the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Jamaica, and also to express Japan's gratitude and respect for their achievements over the years.

The award was received by Mrs. Myrtle Halsall, President of Ikebana International St. Andrew Chapter, who represented the group. About 50 enthusiasts attended the event, which included former presidents and florists.



(left) Ambassador Nakano presenting the award to Mrs. Halsall



(right) Ambassador Nakano with Mrs. Myrtle Halsall and Mrs. Nakano (left to right)



Ambassador Nakano with Mrs. Halsall



Works of Ikebana arrangements displayed 1



Works of ikebana arrangements displayed 2