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Keio Plaza Hotel Hosts Summer "Ikebana" Flower Arrangement Exhibition, A Collaboration with Renowned Flower Arrangement Artist Hiroki Maeno

TOKYO - <u>Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo</u>, one of Japan's most prestigious international hotels located in Shinjuku, Tokyo, will host a special <u>"Ikebana" flower arrangement exhibition</u> in collaboration with renowned "Ikebana" flower arrangement artist <u>Hiroki Maeno</u> from August 4 to 18, 2017. Hiroki Maeno will create a magnificent flower arrangement measuring 2.7 meters wide by 5 meters tall using bamboo, greeneries and white enkianthus, which are symbolic of cool in Japan, to provide guests with aesthetic relief from the summer heat.

This summer, Hiroki Maeno will also hold a complimentary live "Ikebana Performance" to create a medium sized arrangement in front of his large arrangement from 5:00p.m. on August 7, 2017.

The Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo's spacious lobby area with high ceilings allows for the large Ikebana flower arrangement to be beautifully displayed. Hiroki Maeno will use his adept skills as both an "Ikebana" flower arrangement artist and space designer to create an arrangement to beautifully accentuate our lobby space. His last arrangement was received with great admiration by the numerous guests visiting our hotel and has become a popular spot for commemorative pictures.

"Ikebana" Flower Arrangement Created by Artist Hiroki Maeno

"Japanese Hospitality through Flowers—Summer's Dream: The Refreshing Green Forest"

Date: August 4 (Friday) to 18 (Friday), 2017 Location: Main Tower 3rd Floor Lobby, Complimentary

• "Live Ikebana Performance" by Artist Hiroki Maeno

Date: August 7 (Monday), 2017

Time: For approximately 40 minutes from 5:00p.m.

Location: In front of Ikebana flower arrangement in the Main Tower, 3rd Floor Lobby Admission: Complimentary

<Ikebana Flower Arrangement Artist Hiroki Maeno>



<u>Hiroki Maeno</u> is able to produce many different styles of works using his protean skills and ingenious arrangements which pleasantly surprise all those who view them. He has been given a guild name "Hana-Takumi Maeno" or "Flower Artisan Maeno" in recognition of his extreme talents and abilities, which have come to transcend the traditional boundaries of Ikebana flower arrangement. Maeno has also come to be known as a "Flower Arrangement Architect" because of the beauty and grand scale of his flower arrangements. He has been asked to create flower arrangements for the APEC Energy Meeting held in Kyoto, the 1300 Year Anniversary of the Jinguji Temple, and numerous other events including television programs and plays.

About the Keio Plaza Hotel

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo, located in Shinjuku at the very heart of the nation's capital Tokyo, is one of Japan's leading international hotels. Our hotel boasts of over 20 restaurants and bars, and we host a wide range of local and international guests who visit us for our welcoming facilities, warm hospitality and unique services that allow them to experience Japanese culture, including our <u>Hello</u> Kitty themed rooms, wedding kimono fitting experience, easy kimono (Yukata) experience, tea ceremony, ikebana experience and many others. For more information about our facilities and services, please visit our website, YouTube, Facebook or Instagram.

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Exhibition in the lobby