Japan's Flower Culture
日本の花文化

Life and culture in relation to flowers and plants
-A literary calendar of flowers and plants-

In Japan, a country where flowers and plants have a strong presence, there are various festivities and customs in connection with flowers and plants. Participation in these annual events allows the Japanese to establish and reconfirm the bonds they have with one another. The Japanese possess a unique sense of beauty hidden in its traditions, in which simplicity takes precedence over splendor. Such sense was developed in the pursuit for beauty derived from being at one with nature, accompanied by the feeling of loneliness of some kind at its core. This sentiment has been passed on over generations in its world-class traditional culture, such as the Japanese floral art (ikebana), Bonsai, and Tea ceremony.

花による暮らしと文化—花の歳時記—

花の国、日本には、花と緑にまつわるさまざまな行事や習慣があります。日本人は、そうした年間の楽しみを共有しあうことで、お互いの暦を確認し合います。

また、日本人は、自然を尊び将来を避ける役割ともいえる美的感覚を伝統的に秘めています。それは、ある種の寂寥感を根柢に伴うもので、自然と一体となった薔薇の美しさを生んだものです。こうした自然環境は、日本が世界に誇る生け花や盆栽、あるいは茶道などの日本伝統文化に深くと受け継がれています。