

In Memoriam Sachiko Schmid,

I am still speechless upon learning the sad news of her sudden passing.

Whenever I met her, she smiled gently. Her kind words and warm caring made the people around her feel good and relaxed. Behind her calm smile, however, I noticed that she always had deep affection toward ikebana and devoted passion for creation.

She loved Sogetsu Ikebana more than anybody. She enjoyed arranging flowers more than anybody, tirelessly learned ikebana with sincerity, and disseminated the attractiveness of Sogetsu not only in Austria, but also all over the world.

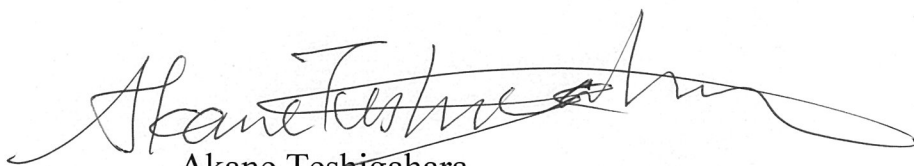
I cannot say enough about how much we were encouraged, and how much power for tomorrow we received from her earnest attitude.

I am sure that the precious treasures that she left behind, including her strong love for ikebana and heartfelt warm ties created with many people, will surely be passed on to her many colleagues and students, and that legacy will be a great power leading Sogetsu into the future.

Mrs. Sachiko Schmid, we will never forget you.

May she rest in peace with the beautiful flowers that she loved from the bottom of her heart.

Yours sincerely,

  
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