## SUCCESSFUL JAPANESE IKEBANA LECTURE DEMONSTRATION & WORKSHOP AT CELEBRATION CENTER IN HARARE

On the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, the Japan Foundation in cooperation with Incorporated Foundation Sogetsu held a lecture demonstration and workshop on Ikebana at Celebration Centre, Harare respectively.

The lecture demonstration was attended by 300 women and men and amongst them was an 8 year old Ikebana enthusiast as well as 10 high schools girls from Westridge School.

The workshop was attended by 70 participants who managed to make their own beautiful and amazing Ikebana after taking a few tips from the Misei Ishikawa, Senior Instructor, Sogetsu Head Office assisted by Ms Seika Kasuya, Sogetsu Head Office Assistant Instructor – Iyemoto Class and Mr. Kouji Kurata, Iyemoto Atelier.

Mrs Elizabeth Tsvangirai, the wife of the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Zimbabwe was the guest of honour, while the Japanese Ambassador to Zimbabwe H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda officially opened the event.

The two events were free of charge and simultaneous interpretation was available.

There was a common request to bring Ikebana to Zimbabwe more often by the participating public.

