

The Japanese Garden rejuvenation

Bucharest, November 1, 2017 – JTI will support the rejuvenation of the Japanese Garden in Herastrau Park. The project shall be started in November, based on a partnership with the Embassy of Japan, the Bucharest City Hall, the University of Architecture and Urban Planning "Ion Mincu".

The garden was created 20 years ago, at the initiative and with the direct involvement of the Embassy of Japan. During the years, not enough resources were further assigned, and the only specialist trained in taking care of the Garden has retired, so that the initial landscape fell apart gradually.

His Excellency Mr. Kisaburo Ishii, the Ambassador of Japan in Bucharest, has made huge efforts for the Japanese Garden to be given back to the Romanian public in its rigorous splendor. Thus, Mr. Ishii has persuaded the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transports and Tourism to grant financial support to the project. At the kind request of the Embassy, Takuhiro Yamada, an expert from the Landscape Association of Kyoto has visited the Garden in spring and met the professional landscapers from the University of Architecture, horticulturists of the City's Council Division and JTI representatives. Subsequently, detailed plans for the garden's rejuvenation were designed.

Takuhiro Yamada will coordinate the entire project and will hold a lecture on the features of the Japanese Garden, which will place in the Council Hall of the University of Architecture "Ion Mincu" (18-20 Academiei St., district 1), on November 13, between 12.30 and 14.30 hours.

Moreover, between November 14 and 17, Takuhiro Yamada will work in Herastrau Park, to rehabilitate the Garden and train the interested people to contribute to the rejuvenation project and maintenance of the Garden in the following years. Volunteers from JTI will attend the workshops organized by Mr. Yamada and the specialists of the University of Architecture.

JTI is the most important Japanese investor in Romania, and an active promoter of the Nippon culture at local level. In 2017, the XVIIIth edition of the JTI Encounters, organized in partnership with Japan Foundation, hosted the most important contemporary dance company from Japan, "Noism". Since 2005, together with the Embassy of Japan, JTI supports the Romanian-Japanese Centre of Studies that operates within the Romanian-American University.