

The undersigned:

Mr. Tomio Yamada, as President of the cultural association “Nippon Bonsai Sakka Kyookai” with headquarters in Kitaku Bonaichoo 268, Saitamaken Saitamashi, Japan, hereafter known as “NBSK”.

Mr. Othmar Auer as President of the cultural association “Nippon Bonsai Sakka Kyookai Europe” with headquarters in Bressanone, Via Dante 23/B - Italy, hereafter known as “NBSKE”.

**granted that**

on request of NBSK through the master Hideo Suzuki, in charge of the foreign affairs, NBSKE has been created, with the following purposes:

- to take the European bonsai back to the cultural and spiritual values of oriental tradition;
- develop initiatives capable of making the bonsai a form of art socially recognised, also in Europe.
- work to develop the bonsai as an artistic expression, employing it as means of communication between different cultures.

In November 2000, during the Aki Ten event in Bressanone (17th and 18th November 2000) Mr. Tomio Yamada, President of NBSK, together with Mr. Hideo Suzuki, announced the creation of NBSKE.

Together with the name Nippon Bonsai Sakka Kyookai Europe, the use of the “logo” of the association, attached to this document, was granted for Europe.

NBSKE has, since its constitution, promoted and taken part in important events such as:

- Sakka Ten – Abano Terme– Italy – November 2002
- Sakka Ten – Wiesloch –Germany – November 2004
- NBSKE National Congress –Abano Terme – Italy – March 2006

and wishes to broaden its action more and more, according to the strict principles which have been adopted up to the present in the choice of members and of the events to which it takes part.

**They agree that**

A coordination of those in Europe who share the inspiring principles of NBSK is fundamental and necessary to pursue the goals stated in the memorandum of the association NBSKE, and especially to better use the bonsai tree as means of communication between different cultures.

As a consequence of this principle, any request to use the name “Nippon Bonsai Sakka Kyookai” and/or its “logo”, made by any European person or association, shall be granted by NBSKE in agreement with its President Mr. Yamada, so as to avoid confusion among European bonsai lovers.