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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Japanese Haiku Events in Stockholm and Vallentuna**

On 26–27 June 2018, a Japanese delegation consisting of 25 Haiku poets from the Haiku International Association will visit Sweden to participate in events related to the Japanese poetic form Haiku. The delegation is headed by the former Minister of Education and Haiku poet Mr. Akito ARIMA. Former EU-president and Haiku poet Mr. Herman Van Rompuy and the Belgian expert on Japanese literature Prof. Willy Vande Walle will participate as well.

On 26 June, a large-scale seminar on Haiku will be held at the Auditorium of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities (Östasiatiska museet) between 10:00 and 12:00, followed by a Haiku workshop between 14:00 and 16:00. These events will be organized by the Swedish Haiku Association, the Haiku International Association and the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities.

On the next day, 27 June, a similar seminar will be held at Vallentuna Kulturhus, between 14:00 and 15:30. This event will be organized by the Swedish Haiku Association, the Haiku International Association and the Municipality of Vallentuna.

All the events are open for the public and admission is free.

The project is co-organized by the Japan Foundation, and the events are part of the ongoing 150th anniversary celebration of Japan-Sweden diplomatic relations.

#### **Further information:**

- The seminar at Östasiatiska museet (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/events/1902226369830256/>
- The seminar at Vallentuna Kulturhus: <https://www.upplevfallentuna.se/sv/266607/Sverige-Japan-150-ar/>
- Svenska Haikusällskapet: <http://www.haiku-shs.org/>
- Haiku International Association: [http://www.haiku-hia.com/index\\_en.html](http://www.haiku-hia.com/index_en.html)
- Japan Foundation: <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/index.html>
- The 150th anniversary: <http://www.se.emb-japan.go.jp/150.html>

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