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## IKEDA WATER FLOWS AT HKUST

Ichi Ikeda, the Japanese installation artist renowned for his unique water themes, will showcase his most recent outdoor installation works—Water Ark/Big Arrow—on the campus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

As UST's February artist-in-residence, Ikeda's program includes an installation works exhibit, an artist talk, and a bamboo workshop. He has combined the structure of Chinese bamboo scaffolding and installation art to create a boat that has a different appearance when viewed from different angles. When viewed from above, the boat, to be installed on the lawn at LG7, looks like an arrow pointing out over the ocean. When viewed from either side, it is like a large ark lying at anchor. As a prelude to the Bamboo Boat, Ikeda will display a photo installation entitled Flag Boat in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Atrium at HKUST.

To enhance cross-cultural exchanges, local artist Kith Tsang has been invited to join Ichi Ikeda in the bamboo boat project.

Born in Osaka, 56-year-old Ikeda has shown a persistent concern for global environmental issues, reflected in his consistent use of water as his medium. Since 1984, he has been exploring new visual expressions with water, a precious natural resource that is boundless, uncontrollable and unpredictable. Typically known as Ikeda Water, his water projects include Water Mirror, Water Piano, Waterhenge, the United Waters and Book of Water, and have been exhibited in Brazil, South Korea, Thailand, the USA and Japan.

Since 1997, he has embarked on a new venture—developing a joint art project entitled Arcing Ark in Asian cities: Kaseda, Taipei, Manila, and now Hong Kong.

Details of his program at UST are as follows:

Program:	Water Ark—Big Arrow
Exhibit:	Flag Boat
Duration:	19-26 February 1999
Venue:	HKJC Atrium
Exhibit:	Bamboo Boat
Duration:	26 Feb-28 Mar 1999
Venue:	LG7 lawn area
Event:	Artist Talk—Ikeda on Ikeda
Date:	Sat, 20 Feb 1999
Time:	3 pm
Venue:	Briefing Room, HKUST
Event:	Bamboo Workshop
Date:	Sat-Sun, 20-21 Feb 1999
Time:	10 am
Venue:	HKUST campus

### Note to Editors:

Photos of Ikeda's previous works are attached for your reference. Please direct any inquiries to Steven Pang of the Center for the Arts at 2358-6147, or Jacky Tsang of Public Affairs Office at 2358-6306, or email [pamedia@ust.hk](mailto:pamedia@ust.hk).