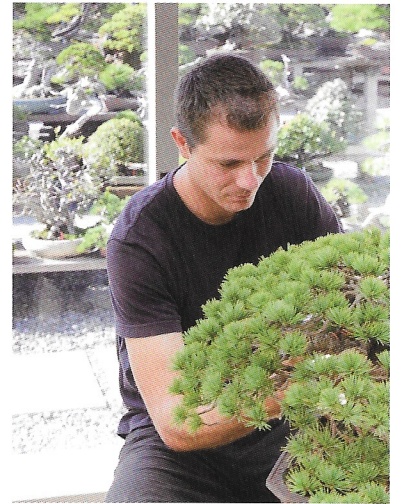




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Some bonsai nurseries in Japan accept international trainees from various countries.

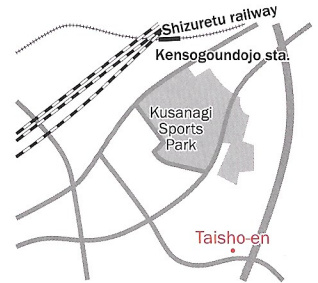


## Taisho-en [Shizuoka city, Shizuoka]

Taisho-en is situated at the foot of Mt. Fuji, the most symbolic mountain in Japan. Two apprentices from Taiwan and Spain and a trainee from France are learning the spirit and skill of bonsai here as of October 2012. The owner, Mr. Nobuichi Urushibata has taught about 40 foreign students so far. The maximum training period under sightseeing VISA status is three month. Students learn the ways of caring for bonsai properly, various techniques, as well as Japanese culture. From

8am to 6pm, students feel like being in a paradise, focusing on learning bonsai with a great view of Mt. Fuji. If they would like to move on to the next level after finishing a few trainings, students can learn everything you need to know to be in bonsai business as apprentice by obtaining work Visa, if Mr. Urushibara accepts them to do so.

<http://taishoen.org/>



## Fujikawa Kouka-en [Ikeda city, Osaka]

Fujikawa Kouka-en is one of the top bonsai nurseries in Kansai region and creates a wide selection of bonsai from small Shohin to large Ogata. Presently, two students from the United States learn their bonsai skills under the instructions of owner Keiichi Fujikawa. Fujikawa Kouka-en runs Fujikawa International School of Bonsai, offering short-term and long-term intensive programs for serious students.

Students from Switzerland, Australia, and Mexico joined the program. The school has passed on bonsai culture across borders to the other countries. The nursery's location – easy access to Kyoto and Nara offering opportunity to enjoy many beautiful gardens and temples also adds to the pleasure of learning bonsai here.

<http://www.bonsaiart.jp/>

