

## 明治神宮御苑の花菖蒲

## Iris Garden

御苑の花菖蒲は、明治26(1893)年、明治天皇が皇后の昭憲皇太后をいたわるために植えさせられたものです。

明治神宮の花菖蒲は、現在約150品種1,500株が咲きますが、「江戸系」の品種が多く、特に江戸時代に数多くの名花を作出した菖翁こと松平定朝の「菖翁花」を見ることができます。

深い森に囲まれ、流麗な曲線を描く菖蒲田や、茅葺屋根の四阿がたたずむその風雅な景色は画家たちにも愛され、都会にいることを忘れさせてくれます。

明治神宮では御祭神みゆかりの花として、大切に育てております。

The irises in this garden were planted by the order of Emperor Meiji for Empress Shoken in 1893. There are 150 species/1,500 roots with flowers blooming in its season. The specialty of the irises at Meiji Jingu is that they are surrounded by a deep forest and they make you forget that you are in the megacity. The elegant scenery including small winding paths and gazebo with a thatched roof has been loved by many artists. As the flowers are associated with the enshrined deities, Meiji Jingu is taking special care of them, and you can also see there the iris “Sho-ou flower” produced by the famous flower fancier in Edo period, Sadatomo Matsudaira a direct retainer of shogun, called “Sho-ou” as an honorific name.



明治天皇の思し召しにより  
昭憲皇太后のために植えられた花菖蒲は、  
明治の御代からみごとに美しさを保っています。

This Iris Garden, small paths, and fishing spot were designed by Emperor Meiji specifically for Empress Shoken in order to give her fresh energy. The splendour of the iris flowers in full bloom has become well known both in Japan and abroad.