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NIH CHERRY BLOSSOM VARIETIES

OKAME CHERRY TREES

BUILDING 35 & 37 PLAZA

KWANZAN CHERRY TREES

(MOST COMMON AROUND THE DC TIDAL BASIN)

BUILDING 10 NORTH- SURROUNDING THE HIPPOCRATES TREE

HIGAN CHERRY TREES

BUILDING 41

METRO ENTRANCE

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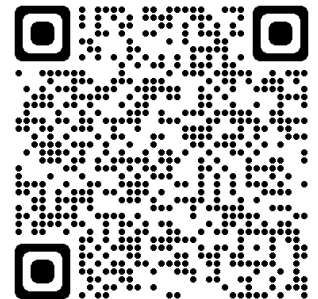
DID YOU KNOW?

THE CHERRY TREES IN WASHINGTON DC BEGAN AS A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP FROM JAPAN.

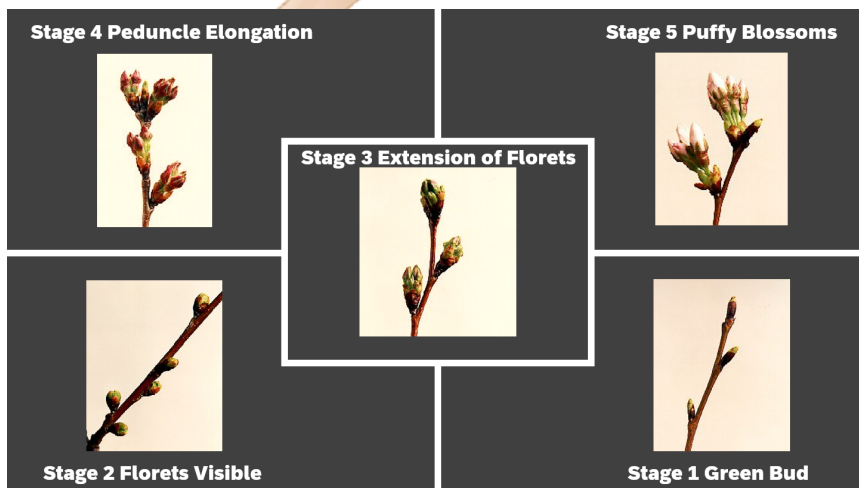
HELEN TAFT WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL SPOUSE TO OBSERVE THE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE CUSTOM OF HANAMI, OR FLOWER WATCHING, IN THE UNITED STATES.

STROLLING AMONG THE BLOSSOMING CHERRY TREES IN WASHINGTON, DC HAS BEEN A CHERISHED RITE OF SPRING FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL. BUT IN THE TREES' HOMELAND OF JAPAN, THE TRADITION OF VIEWING THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS, KNOWN AS 'HANAMI,' DATES BACK MORE THAN 1,200 YEARS!

HANAMI SEASON IN MARCH AND APRIL IS, FOR MANY JAPANESE, THE BEST TIME OF YEAR. THIS IS WHEN THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES ALL OVER JAPAN COME IN TO BLOOM FOR BETWEEN SEVEN AND 10 DAYS AND PEOPLE HOLD OUTDOOR PARTIES TO VIEW THEM. THE NAME SAYS IT ALL - HANA MEANS "FLOWER" AND MI IS "TO LOOK".



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STAGE 1: GREEN BUD (SMALL NODES ON THE END OF A TWIG)
STAGE 2: FLORETS VISIBLE (LARGER NODES ON THE TWIG)
STAGE 3: EXTENSION OF FLORETS (THE NODES BEGIN TO FILL AND BURST)
STAGE 4: PEDUNCLE ELONGATION (THE NODES ARE OPENING AND PETALS BEGIN TO SHOW)
STAGE 5: PUFFY BLOSSOMS (PINK BLOSSOMS ARE VISIBLE ERUPTING FROM THE WIDE GREEN BASES OF EACH NODE ON THE TWIG)

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