

## Press Release

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### 【Hong Kong Art School】15th Anniversary Special Tour

Enrich Your Knowledge in

Japanese Contemporary Art, Architecture and Design in 7 days

The Japan Art Tour is back again this coming May!

**16 February 2015 | Hong Kong** — Commemorating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the School has specially organized the authentic and alternative Japan Art Tour, bringing you and me to exploring Japanese Contemporary Art, Architecture and Design in different regions of Japan such as Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagoya and Naoshima. The Art Tours organized by the School has been well-received by the public, in this coming May, the Japan Art Tour will be back again, under the guidance of the School's sophisticated and professional art lecturers, endeavor to impart participants with Japanese cultural and artistic knowledge on in-depth and sensible experience.

During the tour, participants will visit top-ranked museums in Japan like Miho Museum that inspire them with the understanding of the harmony between art and nature; they will also explore in Naoshima and The Museum Meiji-Mura the avant-garde architecture including the works by Tadao Ando, Frank Lloyd Wright, I.M. Pei, and Yoshio Taniguchi.

Under exclusive arrangement by the School, participants will have the opportunity to visit the Miho Institute of Aesthetics at Miho Museum and even enjoy exquisite Japanese luncheons too!

### Featured attractions of the Tour:

<p><b>Naoshima</b> <b>Benesse Art Site Naoshima</b></p>	<p>Jointly developed by the architect master, Tadao Ando, and a group of artists, Benesse Art Site Naoshima is one of the most worth-visiting cultural attractions in the Seto Inland Sea (Seto Naikai). The site showcases the works of contemporary artists including James Turrell, Richard Long, Walter De Maria, Yayoi Kusama and Cai Guo Qiang, demonstrating the harmonious relationship between art and natural environment.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.naoshima-is.co.jp">www.naoshima-is.co.jp</a></p>
<p><b>Shiga</b> <b>Miho Museum</b></p>	<p>Inspired by the work of the Chinese poet Tao Yuanming, the architect master, Dr.I.M.Pei, applied the Chinese concept of "Utopia" on the construction of the museum, demonstrating the harmonious assimilation among architecture, art, environment and nature, creating an innovative style for the museum.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.miho.jp">www.miho.jp</a></p>
<p><b>Tokyo</b> <b>Mori Art Museum</b></p>	<p>Located at the center of Tokyo, Mori Art Museum is committed to presenting a wide range of exhibitions and public educational programs that feature cutting-edge visual arts, architecture and design in a global perspective.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.mori.art.museum">www.mori.art.museum</a></p>
<p><b>Kyoto</b> <b>The National Museum of Modern Art</b></p>	<p>One of the largest museums in Japan as well as a hub of creativity in Kyoto, the museum collects and displays an eclectic range of works, including Japanese-style painting (<i>nihonga</i>), Western-style painting (<i>yōga</i>), sculpture, ceramics, textiles, metalworks, wood and bamboo works etc. Outstanding and monumental works of modern art in Japan,</p>

as well as modern and contemporary European and American art are also exhibited.

Website: [www.momak.go.jp](http://www.momak.go.jp)

**Photos of the above featured attractions can be downloaded here:**

<https://www.sendspace.com/file/d3zmvq>

**Tour's highlights and related information are as follows:**

**Date: 11 May – 17 May 2015 (7 Days in Total)**

**Highlights:**

- Learn about how art and nature harmoniously come together at the Benesse Art Site in Naoshima and Miho Museum
- Explore avant-garde architecture including the works by Tadao Ando, Frank Lloyd Wright, I.M. Pei, and Yoshio Taniguchi

**Exclusive Arrangements:**

- Comprehensive pre-tour lecture
- Aesthetic guides and tips from professional lecturers to every art site along the tour
- Site visit to the Miho Institute of Aesthetics at Miho Museum
- Museum luncheon at Benesse Art Site and Miho Museum

**Tour fee: HK\$21, 000 each** (Tour fee includes flights, accommodation, daily breakfast, most of the lunches and dinners, museums' entrance fees, highway charges and coach fees. Airport tax, passenger fuel surcharge, tour guide and coach driver's service charges, travel insurance and personal expenditures are not included.)

**Application Deadline: 21 March 2015 (Saturday)**

**Tour Briefing Session (Conducted mainly in Cantonese):**

**Date: 14 March 2015 (Saturday)**

**Time: 3:30 pm- 5:00pm**

**Venue: The Hong Kong Art School Main Campus (10/F, Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Road, Wanchai)**

**More details of the Tour and online registration of the briefing session:**

<http://www.hkas.edu.hk/download/jat2015.pdf>

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### **About Hong Kong Art School**

Hong Kong Art School (HKAS), founded in 2000, is a division of the Hong Kong Arts Centre (HKAC). Closely associated with HKAC's environment of cultural venues, client art groups and creative enterprises, HKAS offers a unique setting for students to draw on a vast spectrum of artistic practices.

HKAS is an accredited institute staffed by a group of dedicated artists, who are active and distinguished practitioners in the field. The focus of HKAS award-bearing curriculum lies in four core academic areas, namely, Fine Art, Applied Art, Media Art, and Applied Theatre & Drama Education, and its scope covers programmes with academic levels ranging from Higher Diploma, Professional Diploma, Bachelor Degree to Master Degree. The short courses and the outreach projects of the School that run parallel to the award-bearing curriculum span an even wider variety of artistic disciplines, and they genuinely bridge art and the community.

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