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Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.

## Relocation of Seiji Togo Memorial Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Museum of Art and Opening of Sompo Museum of Art

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. (President: Keiji Nishizawa) has announced the relocation of Seiji Togo Memorial Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Museum of Art (hereinafter the “current museum”) from its present location on the 42nd floor of our headquarters building in Shinjuku to a new building currently being built on the same site. The museum will open as the Sompo Museum of Art on May 28, 2020.

The current museum has a 43-year history, having opened in 1976. The new museum will continue to transmit information on art and culture from Shinjuku to the world, and will further contribute to the development of the area as a new art landmark.

### 1. Name and new logo

#### (1) Name

Sompo Museum of Art

#### (2) New logo



The current museum houses a collection of approximately 240 works by Seiji Togo, and this logo incorporates “*Surrealistic Stroll*”, one of the works in our collection. When encountering an outstanding work of art, viewers would awaken a sense of exaltation or tranquility. Such art experience, which is difficult to have in a busy daily life, is important in building open-mindedness and thereby in leading a meaningful life. The person depicted in the work expresses such a contribution of art for our life.

### 2. Outline of the Sompo Museum of Art

#### (1) Building

The exterior of the building has been designed with a soft curve that accentuates harmony with our headquarters building.



Building area: 576.37 m<sup>2</sup>

Total floor area: 3,955.65 m<sup>2</sup>

Height: 39.9 m

Floors: Six floors above ground, one basement level

Structure: Reinforced concrete

Construction: Taisei-Shimizu-Konoike JV

Design: Taisei Corporation First-Class Architect Office

Supervision: Matsushita, Higuchi, Misu Design Partners Inc.

Exhibition room design: Tanseisha Co., Ltd.

## (2) Interior

The new museum offers visitors the opportunity to enrich their souls in exhibition rooms located on the third to fifth floors that give art enthusiasts ample time to enjoy each work as well as at a museum shop and lounge on the second floor for visitors to savor the afterglow.

- 3rd to 5th floors: Exhibition rooms
  - Total exhibition area: Approx. 755 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Ceiling height: 4 m



The white background serves to highlight the works. The room layout is highly adjustable so that works can be exhibited in various different ways.



Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", the masterpiece of our collection, is displayed in a way that visitors could get closer the work.

- 2nd floor: Museum shop and lounge



The second floor of the museum includes a shop and lounge for visitors to enjoy shopping and reflect on the exhibitions while still fresh in their minds. The gently arched windows and 5 m high wooden ceiling harmonize to create a relaxing space.

- 1st floor: Entrance



The entrance hall welcomes visitors with its elegant tiled floor, white walls, and wooden ceiling. The large orifice, that allows visitors to pass from the street side of the building to our headquarters, links the city and the museum.



The ceramic panel reproduction of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" installed in the vestibule and flags of the new logo placed along the outer periphery combine to create a unique cultural space.

## 3. Exhibitions to celebrate the opening of the new museum

As a celebration of the opening of the new museum, we will exhibit works from our collection including ones that visitors rarely have an opportunity to see. In the commemorative Special Exhibitions, Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" will be displayed all the time, and the other exhibition of works will be changed in Part 1 and Part 2. The opening exhibitions will introduce modern French paintings by artists such as Gauguin, and the works and materials of Seiji Togo, an artist long associated with the museum. We will also exhibit works by other leading Japanese painters and young artists.

### ■ Commemorative Special Exhibition Part 1

Selected Works from the Collection: Sparkle of Life and Joy of Artistic Creation

May 28 (Thu) to July 5 (Sun), 2020

### ■ Commemorative Special Exhibition Part 2

Seiji Togo: The Beauty in His Work and Togo Collection

July 18 (Sat) to September 4 (Fri), 2020

## 4. Going forward

We plan to hold a special exhibition on Van Gogh from October 2020. Specific details will be announced in October 2019.