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Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.

Celebrating 30 Years of Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. (President: Keiji Nishizawa, hereinafter “Sompo Japan Nipponkoa”) is pleased to announce the 30th anniversary of the acquisition of *Sunflowers* by the Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890). The work acquired was painted in 1888.

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa purchased the work to commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding, as a means to express appreciation to our customers, and in the hope that many visitors will view the global masterpiece that dates back to the same year as our establishment. The work arrived in Japan on July 20, 1987, and was put on public display since October 13 in the same year. It is the only work from the *Sunflowers* series that can be seen in Asia.

For the past 30 years, *Sunflowers* has been on display at the Seiji Togo Memorial Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Museum of Art, located on the 42nd floor of our headquarters building in Shinjuku, Tokyo. To many customers, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa has become synonymous with *Sunflowers*.

The Museum is engaged in educational activities such as art appreciation through dialogue for local public elementary and junior high schools, offering the next generation opportunities to come into contact with the original painting and learn to appreciate it.

Currently, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa plans to build a new art museum on the property of its headquarters building, aiming for completion in 2020. We are preparing to welcome visitors of all ages both from within Japan and overseas.

Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* is a timeless classic that touches the hearts and spiritually enriches visitors. Sompo Japan Nipponkoa will continue to offer such opportunities to all that come to see it.

Seiji Togo Memorial Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Museum of Art

Address: Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Headquarters Building 42nd floor 1-26-1, Nishi-shinjuku Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-8338

Hours: 10:00-18:00

Days closed: Mondays (open if it is a holiday)

New Year holidays, and periodically during changes of exhibits

URL: <http://www.sjnk-museum.org/en>



Sunflowers, 1888 by Vincent van Gogh

Seiji Togo Memorial Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Museum of Art, Tokyo