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Yasumasa Morimura, Kenji Yanobe, Yoko Ono, others
“Double Vision: Contemporary Art from Japan”
The first large-scale exhibition of contemporary Japanese art in Russia
Moscow, Mar. 14 – May 6, 2012

The Japan Foundation in collaboration with the Moscow Museum of Modern Art presents “Double Vision: Contemporary Art from Japan.” “Double Vision” highlights the trends of contemporary art in Japan.

The exhibition, co-curated by two emerging curators from Japan and Russia, features works in various media and styles created since the 1970s by 31 Japanese artists. “Double Vision” consists of two parts: “Reality/Ordinary World” and “Imaginary World/Phantasms”. Each part will be on view at separate venues of the Moscow Museum of Modern Art. The first part introduces a wide range of works by participating artists reflecting Japanese perspective on 20th century world history, the present social structure, the interaction with urban space and so on.

The second part features a free world of imagination that receives inspiration from Japanese pop culture, myths and cosmogonic concepts. These two exhibition parts, seemingly irreconcilable, are designed to reveal two extremes of Japanese art, which, despite their polarity, are bound together in actual reality.

Workshop and gallery talks by participating artists and a curator talk are scheduled to be held as well. The exhibition will also travel to Israel and Rome after Moscow.

Date: March 14 (Wed.) to May 6 (Sun.), 2012  Opening Preview on March 13
Venue: Moscow Museum of Modern Art
Part 1: Ermolaevsky (About 800 ㎡)  Part 2: Gogolevsky (About 1,200 ㎡)
Curators: Elena Yaichnikova (Independent Curator)
Kenjiro Hosaka (Curator, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo)
Organizers: Moscow City Government, Department for Culture of Moscow Russian Academy of Arts, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, The Japan Foundation, Embassy of Japan in Russia
Participant Artists

Part 1: “Reality/Ordinary World”
Chim ↑ Pom  
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Kohei Kobayashi  
Takashi Homma  
Yasumasa Morimura  
Yoshinori Niwa  
Yoko Ono  
Shinro Ohtake  
Tsuyoshi Ozawa  
Toshio Shibata  
Lieko Shiga  
SHIMABUKU  
Kishio Suga  
Tadasu Takamine  
Yuken Teruya  
Tetsuya Umeda

Part 2: “Imaginary world/Phantasms”
Makoto Aida  
Takashi Ishida  
Takahiro Iwasaki  
Izumi Kato  
Yayoi Kusama  
Tatsuo Miyajima  
Takashi Murakami  
Yoshitomo Nara  
Motohiko Odani  
Hiraki Sawa  
Yoshihiro Suda  
Yamaguchi Akira  
Kenji Yanobe  
Tadanori Yokoo  
(Tetsuya Umeda)

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