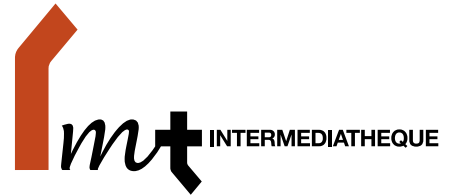


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August 2023

Special Exhibition

## ”*Aves Japonicae* 〈9〉 – The Diversity of Expression”

The JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATHEQUE (IMT) will be holding a special exhibition “*Aves Japonicae* 〈9〉 – The Diversity of Expression” as part of its tenth anniversary celebration.

Kawabe Kakyo’s “*Sketches of Birds*” is a reference that serves as a model for Japanese painting. These scrolls contain precise sketches of various birds, so that it works as “specimens drawn on paper.”

The touch of the sketch is extremely realistic, and even one feather of a bird and one scale on a leg are depicted. Some pictures specify the color of each part and the number of feathers.

On the other hand, his realistic drawings are far removed from the stereotyped Japanese paintings we usually see. This means that the painters used an extremely wide range of expressions, from precise depictions to stereotypical bird-and-flower paintings.

This time, we would like you to unravel the *Sketches of Birds Vol. 2* and see how everything from realistic sketches to stylized Japanese paintings are included in one volume. In addition, the style of the birds drawn by Yamamoto Masayuki (Kizan) in the same volume is completely different — more likely to *Manga* style.

A picture is not only for fine detailed depiction. The process of how to omit, emphasize, deform the original figure and complete as a “picture” is also the skill of the painter. You can also feel the commonality of deformation that transcends eras and regions. In addition, it will also teach us anew how humans see the world.

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JP Tower Museum  
INTERMEDIATHEQUE

Title: Special Exhibition  
”*Aves Japonicae* 〈9〉 – The Diversity of Expression”

Dates: August 12 – November 3, 2023

Opening Hours: 11:00-18:00 (Open until 20:00 on Fridays and Saturdays) \*Opening hours may change.

Closed: Mondays (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a National Holiday; however the museum is open on August 14 and August 21), September 4 – 11. May close irregularly.

Venue: Intermediatheque 3F [STUDIOLO]

Organizer: The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT)

Address: KITTE 2-3F, 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

Admission: Free of charge

Access: JR lines and Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line Tokyo Station (Marunouchi South Exit). Nijubashimae Station (Exit 4) on the Chiyoda Line (about 2 minutes on foot).

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