

## Symposium “From Japan to the World- Cultural Transmission and Exchanges through Manga, Anime and Games”

■ Wed., February 4, 2015 ■ 13:00-16:30 (Open at 12:30) ■ Auditorium (3F) at The National Art Center, Tokyo ■

**T**ranscending the boundaries of each individual medium to realize unparalleled artistic expressions, Japanese manga, anime, and games are reflective of social change and technological development. They also present us with an expanded version of reality and a window on the future. Moreover, the characters that appear in these works have the ability to move beyond their fictional realms and become an actual presence in our daily lives.

In this Symposium, we will invite both Japanese and foreign specialists from a variety of fields to engage in a lively discussion. Topics will include the reception of Japanese manga, anime, and games in foreign countries the situation surrounding museums in each region, and the manner in which Japanese culture is transmitted from both a domestic and international perspective.

13:00

**Symposium begins**

13:10–13:30

**Keynote Speech: Dr. Tamotsu Aoki**, Director General, The National Art Center, Tokyo

13:30–15:00

**Panel Discussion (Case Reports)**

- **Mr. Disapong Netlomwong**, Curator, The National Gallery Bangkok
- **Ms. Connie Lam**, Executive Director, Comix Home Base Hong Kong Arts Centre
- **Mr. Gordon Lo**, Program Operation Manager, Comix Home Base Hong Kong Arts Centre
- **Mr. Fabrice Buon**, Marketing Manager, Japan Expo Japan Office
- **Mr. Yoshihisa Abe**, General Manager, Innovation Division, Computer Graphic Arts Society

15:00–15:20

**Intermission**

15:20–16:20

**General discussion**

- **Dr. Zhao Gang**, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy for Social Science
- **Mr. Nobuhiro Nagai**, Executive Director, Cool Japan Fund
- **Mr. Masaya Shimoyama**, Managing Director, Asia Center, Japan Foundation
- **Ms. Takako Masumi**, Visual Arts Senior Researcher, Agency for Cultural Affairs - Japan
- **Sayawaka**, Writer/ Editor

16:20–16:30

**Closing remarks: Dr. Yutaka Mino**, Director, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art

16:30

**Symposium ends**

Moderator: **Taizo Muroya**, Senior Researcher

\*Japanese / English simultaneous interpretation provided

17:00–18:00

Public Presentation of the exhibition “Manga\*Anime\*Games from Japan”

### Exhibition

**Manga\*Anime\*Games from Japan**

**Wed. June 24- Mon. August 31, 2015**

**Closed on Tuesdays**

**Opening hours:** 10:00-18:00 \*10:00-20:00 on Fridays (Last admission: 30 minutes before closing time)

**Venue:** The National Art Center, Tokyo (Kokuritsu-Shin-Bijutsukan), Special Exhibition Gallery 1E

**Organizer:** The National Art Center, Tokyo

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