

Tadanori Yokoo modern art museum opens

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KOBE--A museum showcasing more than 3,000 works, including paintings and posters, by renowned artist Tadanori Yokoo has opened in Nada Ward, Kobe. Yokoo, 76, is a native of nearby Nishiwaki, Hyogo Prefecture.

The Yokoo Tadanori Museum of Contemporary Art is located in a four-story building, including a basement floor. The first floor is an open studio where the public will have a chance to look in on his creative process. An exhibition area is located on the second and third floors, and the 600-square-meter area will host about four exhibits a year. The museum is expected to attract 100,000 visitors a year.

The museum's opening ceremony was held Nov. 2 and attended by about 450 people. Among the guests were acclaimed architect Tadao Ando and writer Jakuchō Setouchi.

Yokoo, who used to work in Kobe, said, "I want to create more pieces in my hometown in the same way a salmon returns to the river of its birth to lay eggs."

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