

Art you can live in! Where the walls of your hotel room are decorated like an artist's tapestry

The "Artist Room The 47 Vegetables" is now ready.

This room is a private veranda, garden, and hideaway for you.

The Park Hotel Tokyo (Shiodome Media Tower), in December 2012, started the "Artist in Hotel" project where an artist decorates an entire guestroom. The project is still in progress. By 2016, all the guestrooms on the 31st floor will be so decorated, and the "Artist Room The 47 Vegetables", the 16th in the series, has now been completed.

"Artist in Hotel" is the hotel version of "Artist in Residence". The artist himself stays in the hotel, absorbs the atmosphere of the hotel while partaking of its facilities and services, and fashions a hotel room into a work of art. Inspired by the "Japanese sense of aesthetics", the artist paints directly on the walls of the room as if it were a tapestry, and affixes original paintings and objects to the walls so that the entire room becomes a room with the artist's view of the world. These rooms, which evoke typical Japanese themes like "Sumo" and "Zen", are primarily offered to overseas guests, and are highly appreciated.

The artist Mayako Nakamura started work on the "The 47 Vegetables" in the 16th room in the series on 12th May, 2015, and completed it on 11th June, 2015.

"I treated the room as a white porcelain vessel," says Ms. Nakamura. The focus was on the white walls, which were primed five times before being coated in white. Taking inspiration from the forms of Nabeshima ware, which is globally famous for its rarity and degree of quality, of which Ms. Nakamura is also a fan, the walls were then decorated with the motif of forty-seven plants from Japan. The resulting design is transparent and refined.

The artist says, "I hope people staying in this room will treat it like a part of their own home, as though taking a stroll in the garden." The walls, almost like a scroll, feature motifs of traditional Japanese dwellings. To the right, towards the bed, is an open corridor. One proceeds past the adjacent kitchen to the hills. Passing by a small stream, wetlands, a swamp, and another hill brings one to a field, then back home. This unusual white space is where the seasons pass, with the image of mountain ginseng, fern, pepper, and *matsutake* mushroom adorning the scene.

We hope you enjoy a stroll through the room while searching for the forty-seven plants.



[Artist Room The 47 Vegetables Outline]

Opening: 22th June, 2015 (online and phone reservations accepted)

Room: Single occupancy, 19 square meters

Bed size: 1400 x 1950 mm

Rate: 30,000 yen per night (including taxes and service charges)

Reservation and other questions: +81-3-6252-1100 http://www.parkhoteltokyo.com/artcolours/en/aih.html

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Ms. Mayako Nakamura (1976-) is a painter, living and working in Tokyo. She exhibits her work in both domestic and foreign venues since 2009. She explains her working method: "I trace the shapes of space and boundaries in everyday, as my body feels. When numerous senses woven together with the impressions of the reality that my mind has already known, and with the universal shapes that my kokoro longs for, another day appears on my canvas." Mayako's works has been used as book cover and CD jacket illustrations, collaborates with clothing brands, creates clocks and ceramic paintings as well as paintings on canvas.

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