

Art you can live in! Where the walls of your hotel room are decorated like an artist's tapestry The "**Artist Room Satoyama Landscapes**" is now ready.

The four seasons, the beauty of nature. As the seasons change, so do we.

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 Satoyama Landscapes", the 17th 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 Kana Ito started work on the "Satoyama Landscapes" in the 17th room in the series on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015, and completed it on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

"I wanted to create a world which would fill the guests with calm" said Ms. Ito. In a room in the *Shimbashi* area, looking out onto a cluster of buildings in the middle of the city, the scenery of Japan's *Satoyama* Landscapes is drawn, depicting people living in harmony with nature, the changing seasons unfolding like a picture scroll being unrolled. With its gentle, familiar colors, stepping into the completed room is rather like walking into a picture book.

Inside a closet to the left, just as you enter the room, is a field of rape blossoms. Then, on the walls, there's a rice field that's just been freshly planted. If you continue to the right, the rice grows, and we see a scene of the changing seasons, with windows sandwiched in between. With autumn come hanging, golden-colored heads of rice. Each wall depicts a different season, but whichever one you look at, you can't miss the distinctive plants and animals of "*Satoyama* Landscapes". Spring rape blossoms, swallows, tadpoles. Summer frogs, ants. The autumn cosmos, sparrows and winter foxes. Also, the artist wanted to depict the summer nights on the ceiling, so when the lights are turned off, you can see fireflies and the Milky Way in glowing fluorescent paint.

In Artist Room Satoyama Landscapes, have a relaxing stay, while searching for Japan's seasons in the walls.



## [Artist Room Satoyama Landscapes Outline]

Opening: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 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)

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Kana Ito : Born in 1978, Aichi, Japan.

She began going to drawing classes when she was about 2 years old. Now, her activities extend over a broad range of fields including painting, wall murals, picture books, illustration, character design and goods design.



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