
Artist Room King *Sumo* at Park Hotel Tokyo

Where Guests Can Feel the Glow of Japanese *Sumo* Wrestlers

Having the concept “Infinite time and space amid cognizant Japanese beauty”, Park Hotel Tokyo is proceeding to incorporate art into spaces throughout the hotel. Through the “Artist in Hotel” project, all guestrooms on the 31st floor are painted by Japanese artists directly on to the walls and ceiling.

The “Artist in Hotel” project, which is a hotel-version of an “Artist in Residence”, took place from December 2012 to July 2017 at Park Hotel Tokyo. In the project, artists stayed at the hotel to absorb the atmosphere while partaking of its facilities and services, to fashion a standard guest room into a work of art drawing inspiration from their guest experience. Artists had painted directly on the walls and ceiling of the guest rooms as if they were a canvas, and affixed original paintings and objects, under the theme “Japanese aesthetics”.



Artist Room King *Sumo* by Hiroyuki Kimura

The first room, Artist Room King *Sumo*, was created by artist Hiroyuki Kimura. Kimura’s concept was “a room where guests can feel the glow of *sumo* wrestlers”.

Feeling nervous to start working as the very first artist of the project, Kimura painted *sumo* wrestlers directly on the walls using *sumi* ink. Kimura had also placed name plates of *sumo* wrestlers, home shrine by the window, and many stickers of *sumo* wrestler in room and even in bathroom. All these works became the basis of later added Artist Rooms.



Artist Hiroyuki Kimura



Name plates of *sumo* wrestlers



Home Shrine in room

“*Sumo* is a traditional Japanese art form, much more than just a sport. Moves and manners in *sumo* embody various meanings, such as appreciation of nature and a wish for prosperity of people”, said Kimura, with the hope that guests will take this opportunity to experience the *sumo* room which is a crystallization of Japanese culture.

“Artist in Hotel” project at Park Hotel Tokyo was awarded Excellence in Field of Domestic and Inbound Travel Award at the Japan Tourism Awards in 2017, for the project being pioneering, and increasing the charms of Japan.

The completion of the “Artist in Hotel” project is just the beginning of our goal to welcome our guests with hospitality in the form of “arrangement”, one of Japan’s aesthetic values, expressed through the medium of art.



[About Park Hotel Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan)]

Park Hotel Tokyo, opened in 2003, is located on the 25th floor and above in the Shiodome Media Tower. The main entrance begins on the 25th floor where the lobby and reception desk are situated, alongside the restaurants and the bar. The city's view can be enjoyed through the windows behind the reception desk. There are 270 guest rooms, located from the 26th to 34th floors. In 2013, Park Hotel Tokyo put forth a new concept, "Infinite time and space amid cognizant Japanese beauty." In line with the concept, every room on the 31st floor is decorated and converted into an inhabitable permanent art installation called the Artist Rooms, based on the theme "Beauty of Japan." To offer a memorable experience in various parts of the stay, Park Hotel Tokyo will continue to maximize the role of Japanese aesthetics and hospitality.

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