

## Meconium V

Daijiro Chiba

May 6 - May 27, 2023

eitoeiko is pleased to announce *Meconium V*, a solo exhibition of Daijiro Chiba from May 6 to May 27. This will be Chiba's third solo exhibition at eitoeiko, following *Images of an Ideal Human* (2019) and *Hassuism* (2020).

Chiba's recent work, *Hassuism*, is based on the phenomenon and the action of water repelling, and the artist has developed a variety of interpretations of the figure of a water droplet or the water surface, which are both resisting and acting together, and presented them as performances, paintings, and three-dimensional works. This exhibition is an extension of that work, an attempt to translate the idea from a practical and historical perspective by focusing on the theme of meconium, the first excretions of a newborn baby after birth.

If we were to translate meconium into human history, the hydrogen bomb test of our time, the present day, can be called a global-scale great defecation, mainly composed of man-made radioactive materials. It is the scourge of defecation. If we observe the impurity and cleanliness from the perspective of Nietzsche's "Beyond Good and Evil," the water of purification and the waste water are inverted. The human being who is drenched in filthy water is so disgusted with impurity that he may refrain from even purifying himself. *Meconium V* will be an exhibition that will help us not to surrender ourselves to the downpour of human history. We look forward to your visit.

## Daijiro Chiba

Born in Amami island, 1992. Received his BA from Tama Art University, 2014, and received his MA from Tokyo University of Arts, 2016. Leading artist of the art-unit, Kou-nan. Recent exhibitions include *Forming Painting*, Akibatamabi 21, 2019, *Images of an Ideal Human*, solo exhibition, eitoeiko, 2019, *Hassuism*, solo exhibition, eitoeiko, 2020, *Failing to Be Photogenic*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, 2021, *Nokemono*, 3331 Arts Chiyoda, 2021, *Beside Suizokukangekijou*, eitoeiko, 2021, *META2023*, Kanagawa Kenmin-Hall Gallery, 2023, and others.

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Opening Party: May 6, 6PM-8PM

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