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Zainichi, the present and the art II Chong Ri Ae, Jong YuGyong, Lee JongOk July 22 - August 13, 2016

eitoeiko is pleased to announce the second group exhibition 'Zainichi, the present and the art II' by Chong Ri Ae, Jong YuGyong and Lee JongOk. The artists were born in 1991 and bred in Japan. After received their B. A. from Korea University in Tokyo, now they lives and works in Tokyo.

They are called Zainichi in Japanese. The word fundamentally means Japan resident but it usually



Lee JongOk, Ophelia, 92x182cm, 2014

indicates North or South Korean people who lives in Japan. Japanese people use the word with disturbing supposition. It is based on social and political problems, or their language or their habitual practices. The artists were grown up in two cultures, Japanese and Korean.

International cultural exchanges are good to understand the different perspective. However, the differences cause an ethnic conflict. The artists are the third generation from the first 'Zainichi' immigrant, and they experienced the both. As an artist, each of them is able to visualize a new and a fresh image from their circumstances, the society and the history. The three artists cooperated with the students of Musashino Art University, the neighbor of the Korea University in Tokyo and were exhibited about their position in the present Japan. The friction and the discord about their own society and culture is the body of their works.

Is there an all-purpose art in the world? There is no man who is accepted from all the others equally. The art can tolerate the difference of the interpretation. Thinking about the core of their works is useful to open our eyes. The diversity is the most important for the art as well as the human race.

At the exhibition, three artists will be exhibited about ten recent paintings, video and mixed-media artworks.

Recent exhibitions

- 2013 Zainichi was required, Korea University in Tokyo
- 2013 The reason here we stand, Musashino Art University, Tokyo
- 2014 Zainichi Korean the third generation of art, eitoeiko
- 2014 Lonely Atelier, Musashino Art University, Korea University in Tokyo
- 2015 Suddenly it opened in front of me, Musashino Art University, Korea University in Tokyo





Left: Chong Li Ae, Untitled, 65.2x53cm, 2016
Right: Jong YuGyong, Try to thoroughly penetration militant work tasks!, 143x109cm, 2016



Up: Chong Li Ae, A story of a man telling and talking at somewhere at a certain time, 20 min. video, 2015

Right: Lee JongOk, Flag, 183x124cm, 2015



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