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Japan Foundation's Photo Exhibition: "TOHOKU – Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographers" 3 June - 2 July 2015 (with photo rotation)

Mezzanine area, Wellington City Central Library (65 Victoria Street, Wellington)

The Embassy of Japan, in cooperation with the Wellington City Council, is very pleased to announce that the Japan Foundation's photo exhibition – "Tohoku – Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographers" will take place from 3rd June to 2nd July 2015 at the Mezzanine area in the Wellington City Central Library.

This exhibition showcases the work of nine individual photographers and one photographers' group, presenting the viewpoints of highly individualistic photographers who represent the past, present, and future. This exhibition portrays the culture, climate, people and their way of life in Tohoku including photographs taken from the 1940s until 2011 (prior to the earthquake) by worldwide renowned photographers such as Ichiro Kojima and Naoya Hatakeyama.

Tohoku is the northeastern section of Honshu, the largest island in Japan, where the devastation followed the powerful 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in 2011. However it is blessed with a beautiful and bountiful natural environment of seas, mountains, rivers, and forests although it is in a rather cold climate. This region was developed by some of the first people living in Japan with culture flourished between 15,000 and 3000 years ago.

These photographs depict the varied faces of Tohoku, and we hope that the brilliant artistic expression of these marvelous Japanese photographers will familiarise visitors with this region.

The photographers are Teisuke Chiba (1917–65), Ichiro Kojima (1924 -64), Hideo Haga (1921-), Masatoshi Naito (1938-), Hiroshi Oshima (1944-), Naoya Hatakeyama (1958-), Meiki Lin(1969-), Masaru Tatsuki(1974-), Sendai Collection, Nao Tsuda (1976-).

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 7:30am-8:30pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Free Admission

If you would like to cover the exhibition, please contact Mr Yoshi Shinoda at jicc@wl.mofa.go.jp.

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