

Dear friends and supporters of Shoichi Sakurai,

On the occasion of his exhibition in Cologne the Japanese artist Shoichi Sakurai visited Germany for the first time in October 2010. After staying in Porz/Zundorf for almost 3 months he returned to Japan as a big fan of Germany. The immense heartiness and hospitality impressed him very much and shaped his view of Germany. The great interest in his first exhibition in October 2010 motivated him a lot and he would like to visit us again this year.

In light of the terrible catastrophe in Japan we decided at short notice, to organise a second exhibition on 17 and 18 June at the 'Wohnwerkgemeinschaft' which will be themed "Help for Japan".

We are planning to sell donated drinks and food on both days; winetastings with wine provided by the Weingut Adolf Schmitt from the Moselle region shall complete this event. Proceeds will be donated to the Ambassador Dittmann Fund, a charity organisation in Tokyo.

The Ambassador Dittmann Fund provides statutory quick and unbureaucratic support for German citizens and their dependents when they encounter insurmountable difficulties in Japan. The help of volunteers and the low administrative costs allow for 98% of all donations to reach persons in need and who do not receive social benefit payments in Japan as German citizens. In light of the catastrophic events in Japan, the Ambassador Dittmann Fund's President, Dr. Karl Roser, and its Board Members decided to assist affected Japanese citizens with additional financial support. We would like to support this good cause from Germany as well and would be delighted if you could attend the exhibition, enjoy Shoichi Sakurai's artwork in a relaxed atmosphere and support our Japanese friends in need by joining us for plenty of drink and food.

We look forward to your presence

Yours

Monika Wilde

