

MORI YOSHIKO, CHAIRPERSON EMERITA OF THE MORI ART MUSEUM, PASSES AWAY

The Mori Art Museum announces with great sadness the passing of Mori Yoshiko, Director of the Mori Building Company and Chairperson Emerita of the Mori Art Museum, at 9:27 am on December 23. Mrs. Mori, who died from pneumonia, was 85 years old.

Together with her late husband, Mori Minoru, founder of the Mori Art Museum and Chairman of the Mori Building Company, she opened the Mori Art Museum in 2003. For more than two decades since then, she devoted herself with great passion to contemporary art, and as the museum's founding Chairperson, it was her joy to contribute to both the international development of the museum and contemporary art in Japan. At this time, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the kindness and support shown to us during her lifetime.

In accordance with her wishes, the funeral and related services were restricted to close family members, and this announcement is being issued following the completion of all ceremonies.

A memorial event is being planned and the details will be announced later. According to the family's wishes, no gifts or flowers will be accepted.

For further information:

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Mori Yoshiko's Career

Education

•Mar 1964 Graduated Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Tokyo Woman's Christian University

Professional Experience

- Jun 2000 - Director, Mori Building Co., Ltd.
- Sep 2001 - Jun 2015 Director, Mori Building Hospitality Corporation
- Sep 2003 - Dec 2024 Chairperson, Mori Art Museum
- Jun 2012 - Director, Mori Building Ryutsu System Co., Ltd.
- Jan 2025 - Chairperson Emerita, Mori Art Museum
- May 2025 - Chairperson (Founder), Mori Contemporary Art Foundation

Organizational Roles, etc.

- Nov 1999 - Jun 2017 Trustee, Royal Academy of Arts, London
- Jun 2004 - Jun 2018 Councilor, The Obayashi Foundation
- Mar 2007 - Oct 2012 Councilor, Tokyo Council for the Arts
- Nov 2009 - Councilor, Odawara Art Foundation
- Apr 2012 - Member, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) International Council, New York
- Apr 2012 - Member, Tate International Council, London
- Jul 2014 - Councilor, The Western Art Foundation
- Aug 2015 - Councilor, Ishikawa Foundation
- Jul 2017 - Honorary Trustee, Royal Academy of Arts, London

Awards and Honors

- Mar 2013 Appointed Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, France
- Feb 2025 Appointed Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), UK