

# Kiyo Bank presents UNKNOWN ASIA 2026

## Official Artist Entry Now Open

### First Line-up of Jurors and Reviewers Announced



The UNKNOWN ASIA Executive Committee has announced that official artist entry is now open for "Kiyo Bank presents UNKNOWN ASIA 2026," an international art fair to be held at Umeda South Hall in Osaka from Friday, 4th December to Sunday, 6th December 2026.

The first line-up of jurors and reviewers for the 2026 edition has also been announced on the official website.

### Official Artist Entry Now Open

Official entry is open from Monday, 6th July to Sunday, 16th August 2026. Details including booth sizes and exhibition fees are available in the Application Guide. Online information sessions for prospective exhibitors are also scheduled.

#### ■ Official Entry Period

\*All times listed below are in JST

Monday, 6th July 2026, 10:00 – Sunday, 16th August 2026, 23:59

#### ■ Online Information Sessions

\*All times listed below are in JST

- ① Thursday, 9th July 2026, 19:00–20:00 (Japanese / for domestic exhibitors)
- ② Thursday, 16th July 2026, 19:00–20:00 (English / for international exhibitors)
- ③ Thursday, 6th August 2026, 20:00–21:00 (Japanese / for domestic exhibitors)

### ■How to Apply

Official entry and information session registration are available via the official website:

<https://unknownasia.net/>

### ■Application Guide

<https://unknownasia.net/archives/press.php>

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## Jurors and Reviewers: First Line-up Announced

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Alongside the opening of official entry, information on the 2026 jurors and reviewers is being announced in stages.

The jurors include gallerists, art directors, producers, and other professionals from Japan and overseas. Each juror reviews the works of exhibiting artists from their own perspective and selects the Grand Prix and individual juror awards.

The reviewers include illustrator and graphic designer Junzo Terada, Koichiro Murakawa of graf / Kyoto University of the Arts, media producer and art liaison Yoko Yamada, who works between Japan and Indonesia, and illustrator Shunsuke Satake.

Additional jurors and reviewers from a wide range of fields will continue to be announced. Through the review of artworks and communication at the venue, UNKNOWN ASIA aims to create a setting where new forms of collaboration can emerge naturally.

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## Features of UNKNOWN ASIA

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Diverse Connections and Opportunities.

UNKNOWN ASIA is an art fair that attracts a wide range of visitors, including galleries, companies, collectors, media, creators, and art fans.

The fair creates opportunities for artists to receive feedback, build new relationships, and connect with future exhibitions, commissions, collaborations, and other ongoing activities.

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## Support for Exhibiting Artists

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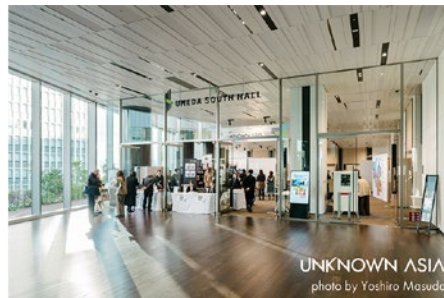
Art fairs can often feel intimidating for first-time exhibitors. UNKNOWN ASIA places importance on creating an environment where exhibitors can present their work in their own way, with support during the preparation process and opportunities for communication among participants.

The relationship built between exhibitors and the organising team helps each artist make the most of their own presentation style, from booth planning to visitor interaction. This culture of mutual support is one of the fair's defining features.

The experience of participating in UNKNOWN ASIA is intended to support artists beyond the fair itself, contributing to their future creative practice and ongoing activities.

## About UNKNOWN ASIA

UNKNOWN ASIA is an art fair where artists from Japan, Asia, and beyond gather in Osaka. Since its launch in 2015, more than 1,700 artists have exhibited at the fair. Bringing together artists from diverse backgrounds, UNKNOWN ASIA has gained attention for its wide-ranging artworks and the openness of expression found across the venue.



### 【Event Overview】 \* As of 6th July 2026

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| Title           | Kiyo Bank presents UNKNOWN ASIA 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Public Days     | *All times listed below are in JST<br>Saturday, 5th December 2026 10:00–20:00<br>Sunday, 6th December 2026 10:00–17:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Preview Day     | Friday, 4th December 2026 15:00–20:30<br>* Open to invited guests and industry professionals only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Venue           | Umeda South Hall<br>11F Osaka Umeda Twin Towers South<br>1-13-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0011 Japan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tickets         | Advance ticket sales are scheduled to begin on Monday, 5th October 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Website         | <a href="https://unknownasia.net/">https://unknownasia.net/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Organizer       | UNKNOWN ASIA Executive Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Special Sponsor | Kiyo Bank                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sponsors        | HOMES / eplus / Osaka Seikei University                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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