

SAMURAI FOTO is a photography organization which has been established for the purpose of making Japanese photographs be widely recognized as high quality artworks around the world.

To achieve the purpose, we have been working hard to make artworks for the photo exhibitions and have deepened exchanges between Japan and the rest of the world since 2012. We also bring up photographers who can be active internationally. Furthermore, we have actively joined a lot of photo festivals and photo auctions in foreign countries. We also have gotten photo reviews. We have made a big achievement.

Our next goal is to build a cultural bridge between people around the world through the art of photography. As civilization and science have developed, the world has become convenient. People can travel easily and the way of communication between people is getting remarkably faster. However, there are still many problems in this chaotic world. We have no clue how to solve them so far. We wonder why we can't make enough spiritual relationships with people due to the lack of respect and empathy for others. We hope that the art photography can fulfill the important role to increase exchanges between people of the world.

We believe the power of expression through art photography. We respect each photographer's individuality and keep working hard day and night. Through communication with many people around the globe, we hope our photographs can contribute to make this world a better place.

SAMURAI FOTO は、日本の写真がアート作品としてより高く、広く認識されることを目的に設立されたクラブです。私たちはその目的を達成するため、2012年より作品の発表や世界との交流、作家の育成を行なうとともに、海外のフォトレビューやフォトフェスティバル、フォトオークションなどに積極的に参加し、多くの実績を上げてきました。

そして、私たちは次なるステップとしてアート写真を通して世界の人々と文化の架け橋をつくっていくことを目指しています。文明、科学が発達した現在、人々の移動や情報の伝達は目を見張るほど早くなり便利な世の中になりました。しかし、世界では今も多くの問題を抱えており、解決の糸口さえも見えない混沌とした時代でもあります。おそらく私たち人類は他人への尊重やお互いの文化に対する共感、すなわち世界の人たちとの精神の交流がまだ足りないのかもしれないかもしれません。私たちはその交流を深めるための手段としてアートフォトが重要な役割をしてくれると思っています。私たちはアートフォトが持つ表現力を信じ、作家ひとり一人の個性を尊重しながら世界の人々と繋がっていくことで、幸福な社会の構築に少しでも貢献できればと日々活動しています。

2010 Some members started to make artworks and introduce Japanese culture

2012 established "SAMURAI FOTO"

Group exhibition "MY EYES" in Tokyo

2013 Group exhibition "Japanese Beauty" in Tokyo

2013 The director, Shigeru Yoshida became the representative of "The Lumiere brothers Center for Photography" gallery in Moscow, Russia.

2014 Group exhibition in Yamagata prefecture, northeastern district of Japan

2014 Shigeru Yoshida was invited "PHOTOVISA 2014", [THE INTERNATIONAL PHOTO FESTIVAL IN RUSSIA.](#)

2016 Had a lecture and portfolio review by Deborah Klochko, executive director of MOPA, Museum of Photographic Arts, in San Diego, U.S.A.

2017 Group exhibition "Emerging Visions of Japan" in Yokohama and it was selected for the PHOTO AUCTION of MOPA in San Diego

2017 Shigeru Yoshida was invited to "[INTERNATIONAL PHOTO FESTIVAL](#)" IN [ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN.](#)

2018 Group exhibition "Making a beautiful bridge" in Yokohama,

With the guest photographers from San Francisco

2018 Had a photography lecture by Russian curator, Andrey Martynov,

2018 Sold the artworks of SAMURAI FOTO at "Taipei Art Photo 2018"

2019 Were invited to Novosibirsk international festival of contemporary photography "[DIFFERENT DIMENTION 2019](#)"

2019 Shigeru Yoshida had a solo exhibition at The State historical Museum of Southern Ural, Russia