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## **Construction of New Art Museum**

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. (President: Keiji Nishizawa, hereinafter “Sompo Japan Nipponkoa”), a subsidiary of Sompo Holdings, Inc. (Group CEO & President: Kengo Sakurada, hereinafter “Sompo Holdings”) has finalized plans to construct a new art museum on the property of its headquarters building in Shinjuku, Tokyo. A summary of the plans is provided below.

### **1. About the new art museum**

#### **(1) Concept**

As the only art museum in Asia where visitors can come face to face with Sunflowers, a masterwork of Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, the new art museum will aspire to become an “art landmark” in Shinjuku, which boasts the highest ridership for a single rail station in the world. The museum will generate new excitement through the dissemination of culture and art from its popular setting, while promoting international exchange through a rich array of programs and events reflecting diverse values. The new art museum will also feature an exterior design that harmonizes with the headquarters building. It will combine straight vertical lines and curved planes based on the unique curvilinear aesthetics of Seiji Togo’s works, which comprise the heart of the museum’s collection.

#### **(2) Operating policy**

The new art museum will display Western paintings from the same period as Van Gogh’s Sunflowers, which was painted around the same time as Sompo Japan Nipponkoa’s establishment, together with modern and contemporary artwork from the same period as the museum’s collected works of Seiji Togo. As a local arts and culture center, the museum will also promote arts appreciation among elementary and junior high school students, while supporting the development of future artists through grants and emerging artist exhibitions.

## 2. Outline of construction plans

Location: 26-1, Nishi-Shinjuku 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Building area: About 600 m<sup>2</sup>

Use: Art Museum

Floor area: About 4,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Floor: Six floors above ground, one basement level

Structure: Reinforced concrete

Architect: Taisei Corporation First-Class Architect Office

Contractor: Taisei-Shimizu-Konoike JV

Construction start: August 201

Completion: September 2019 (planned)



Exterior design

## 3. Going forward

The new art museum will officially open in spring 2020. The name of the current art museum will be changed at that time.