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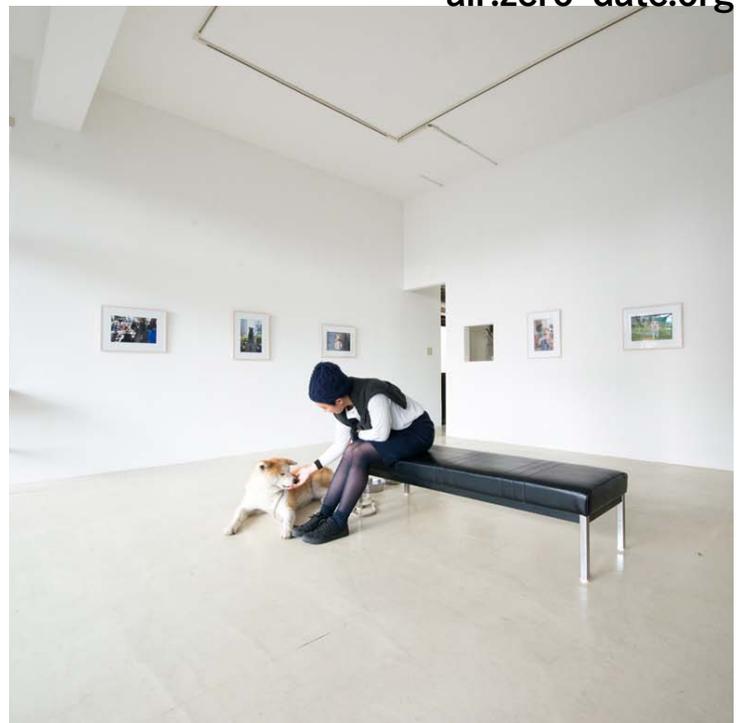
## Artist In Residence ZERODATE

We have been developing the art festival and art programs at Odate city and Kita-akita city every year since 2007, such as in vacant store of shopping district and in natural rich suburbs.

Many of the artists for the art festival will stay in the city every year, also we have conducted long-term residency program from 2012 to 2014.

In Akita prefecture, there are delicious food, Japanese sake, rich nature and a lot of hot springs. They rooted in people's lives as of course, unique culture that is inherited from the old days remains.

We welcome such an artist, a curator, a researcher and a student, also accept short-term stay. Please feel free to contact us.



Gallery space(40 m<sup>2</sup>) of ZERODATE Art Center

## Gallery and meeting space



External appearance of ZERODATE Art Center where is located on an old shopping street.

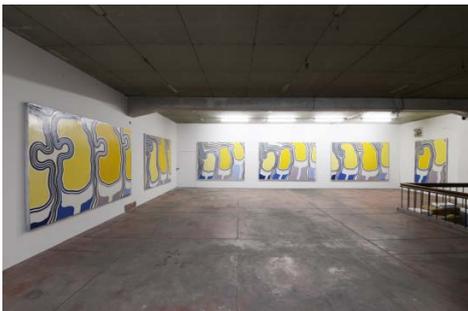


Office space of ZERODATE Art Center, also workig space for residents. Internet and laser printer are available.



Meeting space on 2nd floor of ZERODATE Art Center, also workig space for residents.

## Studio



Studio A(160m<sup>2</sup>) on 2nd floor of Odate food department, just 2 minutes walk from ZERODATE Art Center.



Studio B(110m<sup>2</sup>) on 3rd floor of Odate food department, possible to use for an open studio, workshop and event.



Studio C(160m<sup>2</sup>) on 3rd floor of Odate food department, possible to use 3 wide walls.

## Accommodation



The accommodation is located in suburbs of Odate, 15 minutes driving away from ZERODATE Art center, you can use a bus or bicycle. There are a wide tatami room and two private bedrooms for residents in the old style Japanese house, with a shared space of kitchen, living room, bathroom. A project staff and Akita dog NO-NO are living in the house.



# Local information

The city of Odate has a population of approximately 85,000 people. The city is located near Aomori prefecture at the basin of surrounding mountains, and it is well known throughout Japan for its traditional craft of 'magewappa' which uses the natural cedar wood found in Akita prefecture. Here the seasons are clearly defined, so it is possible to experience nature and taste different foods throughout the year.

## ■ Access from Tokyo to Odate City

**[By plane]** About 1 hr + 1 hr(bus)

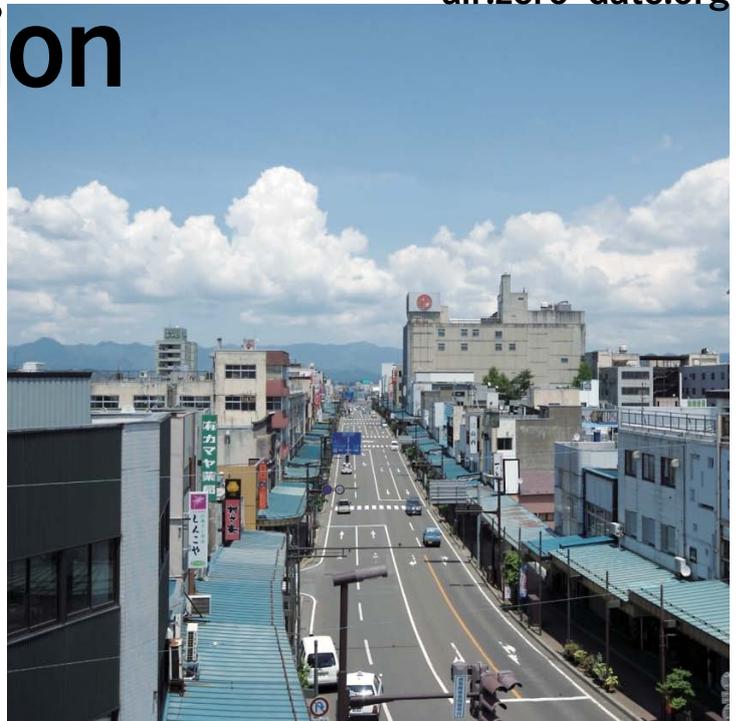
Haneda Airport to Odatenoshiro Airport, then take a limousine bus to city center.

**[By train]** About 5 hrs

From Tokyo Station take the Tohoku shinkansen to Shinaomori Station, then change to the JR Ohu line and get off at Odate Station.

**[By bus]** About 9 hrs

From JR Ikebukuro Station West exit, take the Jupiter bus to Odate BT. A 15-min walk from there.



The main street of the city which ZERO DATE Art Center is located

## Local specialities



**Kiritanpo**—Freshly cooked rice is pounded until somewhat mashed, then formed into cylinders and toasted over. It is usually served with vegetables and chicken in hotpot.



**Magewappa** is a traditional craftwork that has been made for about four hundred years. Trays, lunch boxes, and many more are made by thinly shaving Japanese cedars.



**The Akita (Akita-inu)** is a large breed of dog originating from the mountainous northern regions of Japan, and known worldwide from the true story of "Hachiko".

## Nature



Nagaki river and Mt. Houo—viewing from city center, the Daimonji festival is held on August.



An outdoor hot spring of Seihou. There are many hot springs in Odate city.



Farmer's market is held on 5th, 15th and 25th of each month at city center, also held on other date at other area, selling seasonal fresh food like wild vegetable.

## Neighboring spots



**Towada Art Center**— 38 commissioned art works is seen in the center and surroundings permanently. The architect of the building is Ryue Nishizawa (SANAA) .



**Neko village**—located in Kita-akita city as known as the place of origin of "Matagi" (Traditional hunters who hunt deer and bear, and gather wild vegetables and etc.).



**Shirakami Mountains** (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which remain primeval beech forest. Mt. Tashirodake in Odate city is located at the east end of the Shirakami mountains.