

BEYOND HUMAN

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A reflection on the potential for future human society to establish harmony with non-human entities, going beyond the dominant anthropocentric mindset that regards humans as the most valuable beings and the reason this world exists.

The exhibition features artworks by artists who explore a perspective that extends beyond human-centered concerns, suitable for the advanced society of the post-human era characterized by the merging of humans and technology.

Artists assume that, through the combination with machines, the evolution of future humanity can surpass the limits of human beings, reaching what is known as 'transhumanism,' also called cyborgs. Based on this assumption, they present the possibility and aesthetics of 'post-human' thought. The dignity of humans, as the only beings capable of computational operations, is dismantled, and the distinction between humans and non-humans becomes blurred.

"Beyond Human" seeks to investigate the pursuit of sustainable coexistence in a world where natural resources are continually exploited, human knowledge and spirit are digitized, and the ecosystem is altered by technological advancements. With the ongoing analysis of a growing amount of data by information processing systems, we are currently able to utilize artificial intelligence, and other

technologies. At the same time, there are cases in which information technology is used in a harmful way, as evidenced by deep fakes. Moreover, fossil fuels are being extracted and used for the production of energy, a wide range of industrial goods, and minerals like copper, aluminum, and lithium required for the manufacturing and functionality of digital devices in a non-selective manner just like the way the forests are being destroyed. Artists reflect the current situation and present a future with new perspectives on humans, machines, and nature.

The exhibition ultimately focuses on symbiotic relationships that exhibit universal characteristics, as opposed to a dichotomous worldview. Through our exhibition, artificial intelligence will undergo learning from conversations and experiments that focus on post-anthropocentric strategies for a variety of species and sustainable future. This dialogue will prove beneficial for the future of humanity and the global community.