



**CHI-KA PRESENTS 'NEW JAPAN PHOTO - ISSUE 5'
FEATURING THE NEXT BIG JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Opening at QUOZ ARTS FEST, Alserkal Avenue - Jan 26, 2018



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Event: Photography Exhibition

Opening Date: 26 January, 10am - 10pm

Runs Until: 24 February 2018

Location: CHI-KA, Alserkal Avenue 69

Held in collaboration with edgy Tokyo-based Einstein Studio, CHI-KA presents the opening of 'New Japan Photo - Issue 5'. Showing for the second time in Dubai, the exhibition features emerging and award-winning Japanese photographers leaving a mark on the contemporary fine art photography scene in Tokyo and beyond. CHI-KA will host a curated selection of shortlisted candidate works, as well as recipients of the prestigious Japan Photo Award. The Award, which started in 2013 by Einstein Studio, is currently the largest photography award in Japan, held biannually and involving over 3000 participants. Jury members include established curators and editors, such as Simon Baker (Tate's Senior Curator of Photography), and Charlotte Cotton (Independent Curator and Writer / former Head of Programming at The Photographers' Gallery and former Curator of Photography at the V&A, London).

Previously, winners of the Japan Photo Award have collaborated with Issey Miyake, held solo exhibitions around the world, and were acquired by Fondazione Prada, La Fondation d'entreprise Hermès, among other respected institutions.

Prices of original artists' works start at AED160.

The exhibition will also have on display a series of publications by Einstein Studio, featuring a collection of photography introducing Japanese talent, and presented yearly at international art book fairs ; Art Book Fair Basel, NY Art Book Fair, and LA Art Book Fair.

The opening of 'New Japan Photo - Issue 5' coincides with Alserkal Avenue's 'Quoz Arts Fest' (Jan 26 & 27, 2018). The exhibition is also a part of GPP Photo Week 2017 (Feb 7-12, 2018) - MENA's longest-running international photography festival, organised by Gulf Photo Plus.

Alongside its fashion retail operation, CHI-KA actively engages with the arts through its program of exhibitions and events, reflecting on the Japanese aesthetic while exploring new boundaries and futures.

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ABOUT CHI-KA

Alserkal Avenue 69, Dubai

Regular Opening Hours : Sat-Thurs 11am-7pm

CHI-KA is a kimono shop and art space, working with artists and organisations reflecting on the new wave of Japanese aesthetic. While recognising tradition, its interest lies in exploring new boundaries and futures with cross-cultural resonance.

CHI-KA retails artisan-made Japanese kimonos and fusion kimono-abayas, alongside a diverse program of collaborations in fine art, design, craft, robotics, multimedia, and performance.

The space opened in 2016 and was designed by architect Takeshi Murayama and designer Manabu Ozawa.

www.chikaspace.com

ABOUT EINSTEIN STUDIO

Einstein Studio is quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with in the international photography community. Founded in 2010 with the mission of discovering and promoting emerging Japanese photographers around the world, today they host Japan's largest photography competition, Japan Photo Award, with over 3,000 applicants annually. They are also the publishers of JP_EN, a curated collection of photography introducing Japanese talent, presented every year in international art book fairs; Art Book Fair Basel, NY Art Book Fair, LA Art Book Fair, and I Never Read.

www.einstein-studio.com/

ABOUT ALSERKAL AVENUE

Located in Al Quoz, Dubai, Alserkal Avenue is the region's foremost arts and culture neighbourhood. Since it was established in 2007, Alserkal Avenue has grown to become an essential platform for the development of homegrown artistic and cultural initiatives, supporting a vibrant community of contemporary art galleries and alternative art spaces, together with design, media and industrial studios. In 2015, in addition to its commitment to the community, Alserkal Avenue affirmed its position as an arts organisation with the launch of Alserkal Avenue Programming. The programming arm produces an annual homegrown programme for local, regional, and international audiences, working primarily with artists living and working in the MENASA region.

www.alserkalavenue.ae

ABOUT QUOZ ARTS FEST

The 6th edition of Quoz Arts Fest, the popular community event celebrating art and culture, will take place in Alserkal Avenue on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 January 2018.

<http://alserkalavenue.ae/en/event/quoz-arts-fest-2018.php>

ABOUT GPP PHOTO WEEK 2018

Conceived in 2004, Photo Week is the longest-running international photography festival in the region.

Packed with exhibitions, photo walks, special events, product launches, and workshops led by the world's leading photographers, Photo Week is uniquely designed to inspire, challenge, and connect photographers and enthusiasts from around the globe.

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