Museums in Skyscrapers: Koji Kinutani Tenku Art Museum and Abeno Harukas Art Museum

This uplifting trip for art lovers will take you into museums on the high floors of two landmark buildings of Osaka: Umeda Sky Building, which was selected as one of the top 20 architectural structures in the world in 2008 by a UK newspaper, The Times, and the Abeno Harukas, Japan’s highest building. In the Koji Kinutani Tenku Art Museum, the world premier 3D image experiences invite visitors to the Kinutani’s works. You may meet the celebrated artist Mr. Kinutani himself - who created his painting for the poster of ICOM Kyoto 2019.*

* We cannot guarantee the presence of Mr. Kinutani in the museum on the day of our visit.

Koji Kinutani Tenku Art Museum: The museum was opened by Sekisui House, Ltd. on the 27th floor of Umeda Sky Building Tower West. The museum exhibits more than 50 colorful works of art by Mr. Koji Kinutani, a leading fresco artist and recipient of the title “Person of Cultural Merit,” as well as 3D images that encourage viewers to enter the world of paintings.

Floating Garden Observatory, Umeda Sky Building: The floating garden is located on the 40th and rooftop floors of Umeda Sky Building, known as the world’s first skyscraper with two connected towers, and visited by more than a million tourists a year. The open-air rooftop observatory, 173m above the ground, commands spectacular 360-degree views.

Abeno Harukas Art Museum: This urban museum has organized exhibitions of various art genres, including Oriental, Western, and contemporary art. On the day of our visit, the Gustave Moreau exhibition*2 is being held here. (*2: Gustave Moreau is a great painter of Symbolism, a late 19th-century movement that flourished in France. Musée National Gustave Moreau in Paris is fully supporting this exhibition.)

Harukas 300 Observatory: The observatory occupies the 58th to 60th floors of Abeno Harukas, renowned as the highest skyscraper in Japan. The glass-enclosed observation deck on the 60th floor is about 140 m in circumference and 300 m high above the ground, and commands panoramic views of the entire Osaka plain.