



Made to resemble a city snowscape, the 17 meter long by seven meter wide skating rink "SORA×NIWA×ICE PARK" on the roof of Matsuya-Ginza department store (Chuo Ward, Tokyo) has created quite a buzz. Surrounding the rink are 25 white trees containing illuminations. Same-day ticket for adults (with rental skates): 2,100-2,900 yen. Open until March 2 (except on days when the weather is bad).

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Original Accommodation Ideas For Foreigners

外国人を対象にした が さく じん たい しょう 宿のオリジナル企画 **

he Park Hotel Tokyo (Shiodome, Tokyo) has "Artist Rooms" in which *sumo* wrestlers and *Zen* characters painted in ink seem to dance dynamically. These rooms are for foreigners who make up 60% of the hotel's guests. These rooms were created as part of a project to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the hotel. "In this space, it's possible to experience the Japanese aesthetic," general manager HAYASHI Yoshiaki says, explaining the project.

Each Artist Room has been entirely produced and designed by a single artist. "More than just painting, they're creating a room," says Hayashi. The project has been a fascinating one for artists, too. They can not only express their world view with an entire room, but can also leave the PR to the hotel. He says that there are many applicants, although the remuneration only covers the cost of the materials.

アーティストルームは一部屋すべてを一人のアーティスへを たんとう えんしゅっ トが担当し演出します。「絵を描くというよりも部屋を創るという感じですね」と林さんは言います。この企画はアーティストにとっても魅力的なものになりました。一部屋を使って自分の世界観を表現できるうえ、PRはホテルがをでってくれるのです。報酬は材料費程度ですが、希望はまるいといいます。



Four Artist Rooms were created in 2013. Black ink was used in all of them. There are plans in the future for rooms with color. "With nine more being created in 2014 and 2015 respectively, eventually we'll have 31 rooms. We're planning to



transform the 31st floor, where all the Artist Rooms are located, into an Artist Floor where the Japanese aesthetic sense will be on display along corridors and in a private lounge," says Hayashi.

2013年には4つのアーティストルームが誕生しました。すべて基を使ったものです。今後は色彩を用いた部屋も登場する予定です。「2014、2015年にはそれぞれ9部屋ずつ増やし最終的には31室になります。将来的にはアーティストルームのある31階をアーティストフロアにして廊下やラウンジでも日本の美意識を表現する予定です」と林さん。

As the hotel wanted to appeal to foreigners in particular, accommodation information on Artist Rooms is only available in the English version of its website. Currently, Artist Rooms are more popular with foreign guests than with Japanese guests and *sumo* designs have been particularly well received.



Historical Awareness of Provocative Politicians

rekishi ninshiki

1. Korean president PARK Geun-hye requested China's cooperation in building a statue of AN Jung-geun, the leader of the Korean independence movement, in Harubin City in China.



2. An Jung-geun is a hero in Korea, but, having assassinated the first Japanese Prime Minister, ITO Hirobumi in 1909, in Japan he is a criminal – Harubin is the scene of the crime.

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Harupin wa/ha

sono genba

desu.

"Multi-Level Texts" English furigana notes

[Examples] (the) desk

Words in parentheses are not translated from

Japanese.

[in fact] Words in square brackets are not translated

into English.

go <come> When the English translation is different to the

Japanese, the original Japanese is placed in

"< >" after the English.

When a sentence is continuing in Japanese, and

the conjunction is shown in italics.

indicates the rest of phrase to follow

"Multi-Level Texts" are also written in Glomaji (Global Romaji).

Glomaji is a concept developed by Hiragana Times. Glomaji is the form of romaji used when inputting Japanese into a PC with the English alphabet.

Glomaji Notes

[Examples] konpyu-tawa/ha

Underlined words represent katakana. "wa" is for pronunciation and "ha" for writing. Nihon' bunka Apostrophe makes the preceding word adjective

sanjuui i/31 sai pronounced as "saniuu issai."



3. Now about 70 years have passed since World War Two and Koreans in the USA are criticizing Japan's awareness of history in cooperation with their government by constructing bronze statues all over America of military comfort women.







Japanese TPO 日本語TPO



Japanese Expressions that Cause Misunderstandings



1. Sometimes Japanese expressions are not meant to be understood verbatim.

<u>に</u>ほんご 日本語の ひょうげん **表 現 には**

ことば どお **言葉通りに**

Nihongo no

hyougen niwa/ha

kotoba'doori ni

意味 しない 場合 があります。

imi shinai

baai ga arimasu

2. For instance, after presenting a product, a salesman from a foreign company was told by his Japanese contact, that "Watashi ha subarashii to omoimasu ga, shanai de kentou shite mimasu." (I think this is wonderful, but I will consider it with my colleagues.)

がいこく きぎょ **外 国 企 業** - るすまん **-ルスマン が** たとえば、 の <u>se-rusuman</u> ga Tatoeba, gaikoku'kigyou no しょうひん 説明をした 商品の 後に、 shouhin no setsumei o/wo shita ato ni, にほん **日本の** わたし 「**私 は** から Nihon no "Watashi wa/ha tantousha kara しゃない 悪います すばらしい ع が、 社 内

subarashii to omoimasu

kentou shite mimasu"

検 討 してみます」

ga, shanai 言われました。 ع to iwaremashita.

3. On hearing this, the salesman is pleased, believing that the client will probably purchase the product.

これを 聞いた Kore o/wo kiita

- _{るすまん} **ールスマンは、** se-rusuman wa/ha.

おそらく osoraku

こうにゅう **購 入** 入してくれる

kounyuu shite kureru

to shinji

^{はろこ} 喜*ぶで*しょう。 yorokobu deshou.

4. "In fact, however, in many cases like this, even if they wait a long time, they won't receive a call back.

げんじつ しかし、 現実に このような 場合、 Shikashi. genjitsu ni kono youna baai. 連絡 がこないことが 多いのです。 いつになっても renraku ga konai koto ga ooi no desu. itsu ni nattemo

5. Praising something as "wonderful" is a kind of lip service Japanese make in consideration of the feelings of others.



6. The word "I" implies that this person cannot make a decision independently.



7. The expression "Shanai de kentou shimasu" is best interpreted as "I have listened to your presentation and will relate it to my colleagues and superiors."



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