

Japan Brand Program

Material Sensation

Schedule: March 1-9, 2017 Site: U.S.A. (Los Angeles), Brazil (Sao Paulo)

■ Dispatched Expert



Kohei Nawa
Sculptor, Professor of Kyoto University of Art and Design, and Director of SANDWICH Inc.

Nawa obtained Ph.D. in Fine Art Sculpture from Kyoto City University of Arts. Now he is based at SANDWICH Inc. in Fushimi, Kyoto, where he started creative works in 2009. He created the concept of "Cell" based on the idea of materials as metaphor for sensing and thinking deriving from the consciousness of "surface skin of object." Nawa further developed the concept and applied it in a variety of expressions.

■ Review of Activities

● Los Angeles



Lecture at Neue House Hollywood



Lecture scene



Friendly talk with fine art associates at reception

● Sao Paulo



Lecture at SESC Villa Marina



Cocktail party after the lecture



SESC Pompeia visit

■ Achievements

Kohei Nawa is highly active in various areas such as sculpture and architecture. He gave lectures in Los Angeles and Sao Paulo, where JAPAN HOUSE is to be newly inaugurated, regarding his innovative works, creation process, technology and materials. In Los Angeles, he lectured at Shared-Office for creators. In Sao Paulo, he lectured at cultural center SESC for art exhibition curators, art magazine editors, designers and students. During his visit, he received an interview from Vogue in Sao Paulo and by local papers in Los Angeles.