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Up & Coming Japanese Architect - Mr. Akihisa HIRATA -

Main Event of the exhibition “Struggling Cities”

31 July (Fri) – Lecture by Prof. Akihisa Hirata

University of Pretoria (18h00 – 19h00)

Department of Architecture “Boukunde” Building – Main Campus – RSVP to:
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*** The Exhibition “Struggling Cities: from Japanese Urban Project in the 1960s”**

Period: From 20 July (Mon) to 12 August (Wed)

(Closed 25+26 of July, 2, 8+9th of August)

Venue: University of Pretoria (08h30 – 16h30)

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<Biography of Mr. Hirata>

Born in Osaka, Japan in 1971. Graduated from the Department of Architecture in the Faculty of Engineering at Kyoto University in 1994. Received a master's degree from the Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering in 1997. After working at Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects, he established "Akihisa Hirata architecture office" in 2005.

He is currently a part-time lecturer at Kyoto University, Tokyo Institute of Technology and Tama Art University.

His important works include Masuya (2006), Alp (2010), Bloomberg Pavilion (2011), Coil (2011) and Kotoriku (2014). He has awarded 19th Japan Institute of Architects Newcomer Prize (2008), 2nd prize in the Kaohsiung Maritime Cultural & Popular Music Center International Competition (2011), Elita Design Award at Milan (2012), Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale with Toyo Ito, Naoya Hatakeyama and other two architects (2012), 1st prize in the Kamaishi City Disaster Recovery Public Housing Proposal (2012) , 1st prize in the Ota City Library and Museum Proposal (2014) and Colored Concrete Works Award at Berlin (2015) etc. His publications include *Tangling* (LIXIL, 2011), etc. He has lectured at Bauhaus Dessau (Germany), Harvard University (U.S.A), University of British Columbia (Canada), Queen's land University (Australia) and currently lectured at Architecture Foundation (U.K.), etc. He has done many exhibitions of himself in Tokyo, U.K. and Belgium. And he sent his works to variety of Art fair like Art Basel, Frieze Art Fair and Milano salone.