ATELIER EARTH in Sanda in the spring of 2024
Concept of world-famous artist Susumu Shingu

In the spring of 2024, Hyogo Prefecture has decided to open an art and cultural facility in Arimafuji Park (Sanda city), the idea of the world-famous artist Susumu Shingu (84) = Sanda City and photo = .

An experience-type art facility and a studio and so on will be built. Named ATELIER EARTH, it will be a center for children to enjoy art using their five senses.

Experience-type Facility for Art and Culture
Image-sketch of ATELIER EARTH drawn by Susumu Shingu

Susumu Shingu is known for his three-dimensional works that move by natural energies of wind, water and gravity and is called 'Sculptor of the Wind.'

His sculptures are exhibited in public spaces such as parks, plazas, halls and museums all around the world. In 2019 he had a one-man show in Chambord castle (the world cultural heritage) in France to co-memorize the 500 years after the death of Leonardo da Vinci. He is an artist who is active on the front line.

There are four main buildings in ATELIER EARTH, and the floor area will be about 2500 to 2700 ㎡. Experience type art facility, 'Art Center,' and 'Atelier' will open in the spring of 2024, and 'Theater' and 'Café-Restaurant' will open one after another.

In Arimafuji Park, there is already "Susumu Shingu WIND MUSEUM" where 12 of his wind sculptures permanently exhibited in open-air space, and people will enjoy more about art in rich natural surroundings in this area.

Main target is children to come and enjoy art. Showing the process of fabrication of the sculptures and workshops to learn making things are being studied. Mr. Shingu says, "I would like to make this place where you can think about the future of Earth, having connection with the artists and educational facilities in the world."

According to Hyogo Prefecture, the whole building budget expected at the beginning is 3 billion Yen. They plan to exhibit sculptures outdoor as well and will create 1.5 hectares for construction inside the park area.