

Photo exhibition of award-winner Kyoichi Sawada starts in Tokyo

- 1) An exhibition of photos taken by Pulitzer Prize winner Kyoichi Sawada (1936-1970), including haunting images from the Vietnam War, opened in Tokyo on Aug. 16.
- 2) About 150 photos and 30 mementos, including cameras, are on display at the “Photographer Kyoichi Sawada” event.
- 3) A major theme of many of the photographs is the tragedy of war, including scenes of street fighting in the ancient Vietnamese capital of Hue. Other shots are of his wife, Sata, now 92, and his hometown of Aomori.
- 4) Sawada won the Pulitzer Prize for Photography and the World Press Photo Award for “Flee to Safety,” a 1965 picture of Vietnamese family members wading across a river with do-or-die facial expressions.
- 5) Nguyen Thi Hue was 2 years old and being held by her mother when the picture was taken.
- 6) Now 54 years old, Nguyen visited Japan for the first time to attend the opening ceremony of the photo exhibition.
- 7) “I heard from my mother that, at that time, Sawada wiped away my tears with a handkerchief he took out from his pocket,” she said. “I think that this photo became a powerful symbol to end the war.”
- 8) The photo exhibition, organized by The Asahi Shimbun, will run at the Nihonbashi Takashimaya department store in Tokyo’s Chuo Ward until Aug. 28.
- 9) Admission is 800 yen (\$7.20) for the general public, 600 yen for university and high school students, and free for junior high school students and younger. 【2017-08-16 | Asahi Shimbun】



- 1) haunting (考えや思い出が)絶えず心に浮かぶ、(印象が強くて) 容易に忘れられない
- 2) memento 記念の品、形見
- 3) ancient 古代の
- 4) “Flee to Safety” 『安全への逃避』
flee (危険、敵等から) 逃げる、(危険を避けて) 避難する
- do-or-die 必死の、命がけの、のるかそるかの
- 7) wipe away 拭い取る、ふき取る
- 9) admission 入場、入場料

★Ice breaker for active discussion

1. What is your impression of the photo in the article?
2. Do you take pictures by yourself? What stuff do you usually take pictures of?
3. Have you ever seen any photos during the wartime? How do you feel when you see such pictures?
4. Kyoichi Sawada died while covering a war zone. What can you say about it?
5. Make sentences using the following words: haunting, memento, ancient, flee, do-or-die and admission.

⇐Nguyen Thi Hue on Aug. 16 points to the photo “Flee to Safety” that shows her as a 2 year old in her mother's arm during the Vietnam War. She was joined at the “Photographer Kyoichi Sawada” exhibition in Tokyo by the photographer's widow, Sata Sawada.