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## A TRIBUTE TO SATOSHI KON EXHIBITION BY FRENCH ARTISTS



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About thirty French artists illustrated the memory of Satoshi KON, a master of animated dreams whose untimely death occurred last year.

Satoshi KON made himself known as an animation director in 1997 with *Perfect Blue*, a feature film which was a revelation for many people when it was released. Then came the films *Millennium Actress*, *Tokyo Godfathers*, *Paprika*, as well as the series *Paranoia Agent*. So many works which showed the perfection of the image and of directing achieved by this artist who started his career as a *Mangaka*.

On August 24, 2010, Satoshi KON passed away, at 46 years old. A brutal death which left a huge gap in the hearts and dreams of all his fans. Suffering from pancreas cancer, he had chosen not to talk about his illness, going on working until the end on his last film *Yume-Miru Kikai*, which will be finished soon by the studio *Madhouse*.

"With my heart full of gratitude for everything good in the world, I'll put my pen down. Now excuse me, I have to go." Satoshi KON left with these words, in a last letter published on the Internet by his wife after his death. Japan Expo Sud wishes to pay a tribute to the artist, by letting French artists express through their art all the affection they had for the master.

Discover the exhibition *A Tribute to Satoshi Kon* at Japan Expo Sud, from February 25 to 27 2011.

This exhibition has been made in collaboration with Marc AGUESSE, in charge of the website *Catsuka* and of the TV show bearing the same name on the French channel *Nolife*.

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