On the exhibition *Transcending Relativity* Noritoshi Hirakawa

Human beings have sought affirmation of their existence through the evaluation of their location, relationships and livelihood based on concepts of relativity: dichotomies and dualisms, contradictions and the establishment of the Other. There is no absolute Self, and it is only through the relationship with the Other that one is able to attain a delusional understanding of his or her existence in this world. In reality, human existence is completely different from which we think we are aware of. To this day, humans have rejected the notion that we have been experiencing and have been aware of the fact that absolute reality has transcended relativity and is at the core of all existence. People have been discarding absolute reality outside the frame of their consciousness with the growing fixation on things that have been built with relativity at its foundation, for example, the System. With the changing world and with the exposure of various phenomena transcending relativity's take on the world, it is becoming impossible to comprehend the meaning of existence without being aware of the absolute reality. Even if the reality that the Self believes in is not universal in this world of relativity, as signs lead one from oblivion to real awareness and existence, we will come to view that living alongside absolute reality is the norm. Through the rediscovery of the Self, we are approaching an era in which it will be possible to return to absolute reality. And at this juncture, the meaning of our existence exists by the transcending of relativity.