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Mori Building Co., Ltd.

Yoshiko Mori, Director of Mori Building Company and Chairperson Emerita of Mori Art Museum, passes away

Mori Building Co., Ltd. announces with great sadness the passing of Yoshiko Mori, Director of the company and Chairperson Emerita of Mori Art Museum, at 9:27 am on December 23. Ms. Mori, who died from pneumonia, was 85 years old. The company expresses its deepest condolences to her family and sincere gratitude to her professional and personal friends for their support and friendship during her lifetime.

In accordance with Ms. Mori's wishes, the funeral and related services were restricted to close family members, and this announcement is being issued following the completion of all ceremonies.

A memorial event is being planned and the details will be announced later. According to the family's wishes, no gifts or flowers will be accepted.

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Yoshiko Mori's Career

Education

- Mar 1964 Graduated Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
Tokyo Woman's Christian University

Professional Experience

- Jun 2000 - Director, Mori Building Co., Ltd.
- Sep 2001 - Jun 2015 Director, Mori Building Hospitality Corporation
- Sep 2003 - Dec 2024 Chairperson, Mori Art Museum
- Jun 2012 - Director, Mori Building Ryutsu System Co., Ltd.
- Jan 2025 - Chairperson Emerita, Mori Art Museum
- May 2025 - Chairperson (Founder), Mori Contemporary Art Foundation

Organizational Roles, etc.

- Nov 1999 - Jun 2017 Trustee, Royal Academy of Arts, London
- Aug 2004 - Jun 2022 Councilor, The Obayashi Foundation
- Mar 2007 - Oct 2012 Councilor, Tokyo Council for the Arts
- Nov 2009 - Councilor, Odawara Art Foundation
- Apr 2012 - Member, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) International Council, New York
- Apr 2012 - Member, Tate International Council, London
- Jul 2014 - Councilor, The Western Art Foundation
- Aug 2015 - Councilor, Ishikawa Foundation
- Jul 2017 - Honorary Trustee, Royal Academy of Arts, London

Awards and Honors

- Mar 2013 Appointed Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, France
- Feb 2025 Appointed Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), UK