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Bottega exhibits Spirit of Peace artwork in Vienna

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The Spirit of Peace artwork by Bottega and Pino Signoretto consists of a blown glass transparent dove surrounded by 100 drop-shaped bottles

An artwork by Italian distillery and winery Bottega, created to convey a message of peace, is on display at the Vienna International Center from November 19 to 23, 2018.

The Spirit of Peace artwork is being showcased during the meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The exhibition, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna, opened on November 19 with welcome speeches delivered by H.E. Ambassador Maria Assunta Accili, Permanent Representative of Italy; H.E. Ambassador Mitsuru Kitano, Permanent Representative of Japan;

Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima; and Sandro Bottega, owner and Managing Director at Bottega S.p.A.

In 2015, on the 70th anniversary of the bombing, Sandro Bottega visited the Hiroshima Peace Museum. Deeply moved, he handed a donation to Mayor Mr. Matsui, who, in return, offered him the opportunity to exhibit an artwork in three local museums.

Bottega created a charitable art project called Spirit of Peace, whose artworks were exhibited from November 25 to December 10, 2017 at three prestigious sites: Hiroshima MOCA, Hiroshima Museum of Art and Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum.

The venues showcased the historical collection of artistic blown glass bottles produced by Bottega, and two majestic art pieces, designed by Sandro Bottega with Monica Lisetto and Asako Hirano, and crafted by master glassblower Pino Signoretto on the island of Murano and by the master glassblowers at the Alexander Bottega artistic glassworks.

With these artworks, Bottega wishes to remember the horrific Hiroshima bomb strike and to raise awareness of peace, the most important asset for mankind, Sandro Bottega said.

Additionally, to enhance the reach of this project and raise more money, Bottega undertook a non-profit charity project that produced three dedicated products: Peace for the World, a special Bottega sparkling wine; Peace for Hiroshima, a precious handcrafted bottle containing Alexander Prosecco grappa; and Hiroshima for World Peace, a gift box containing both products.

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