

KODO CHIJIIWA

Kodo Chijiwa was born in 1976, in Saga, Japan and has resided in Yakushima since 2003.

In 2008, after working as an assistant of Iris Janke, he had his first solo exhibition and worked as a freelance photographer in Berlin. Participated in the What 's up PHOTODOC group exhibition held at Galerie HUIT during the 2015 Arles Les Rencontres de la photographie d'Arles.

Established Yakushima Photography Festival (YPF) with French photographer Anton in Borgeaud as co-founder and Cleo Charuet as art director in 2015.

In the same year, after signing a contract with Galerie Basia Embiricos (Paris, France), the first Yakushima Photography Festival was held in October jointly sponsored by Japan and France at Yakushima Japan. YPF has also received many positive reviews when they exhibited the YPF gallery during : Les Rencontres de la photographie d'Arles 2016 & 2017&2018&2019. In 2019, Kodo was invited as the first artist in residence photographer of BZH PHOTO to be held at Loguivy de la Mer located in Brittany France, and exhibited in July of the same year. In 2020, Kodo was invited as an artist-in-residence artist by Art space M1997 and held the "Twinkling tableau" exhibition in September 2021. In the same month, "Dialogue with flow" held solo exhibition at Kyotographie satellite event KG + curated by Art space M1997.