

WATANABE Koichi

Watanabe made his debut with the photography and text project *Moving Plants*, in which he searched for Japanese knotweed, a common weed found throughout Japan, in various places and situations in Europe, where it has become an invasive species. Since then, he has continued photographing plants and investigating their hidden histories.

1967 Born in Osaka Prefecture, Japan.

Solo exhibition

2024 "Contrayerba in dreaming -detox plants-history", gallery0369, Tsu, Mie
2022-3 "Contrayerba in dreaming -detox plants-history", Kanzan gallery, Tokyo
2022 "Contrayerba in dreaming -detox plants-history", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka
2018 "Moving Plants", Shiseido Gallery, Tokyo
2017 "Moving Plants", Gallery 722, Okayama
2016 "Moving Plants", Kanzan Gallery, Tokyo
2015 "Moving Plants", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka
2010 "Moving Plants", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka
2009 "Moving Plants : in the thick of itadori", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka
2005 "The name of grassland -unknown islands where itadori grows", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka.
2003 "grassland", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka.

Group exhibition

2025 "Atmosphere of the Landscape", monade contemporary, Kyoto
2025 "Uprooted: Plants Out of Place", Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, USA
2023 Photo city Sagamihara prizewinner photographic exhibition, Sagamihara
2017 "Moving Plants", Rønnebæksholm, Næstved, Denmark
2012 "Quiet Boys", Mio Photo Osaka 2012, Osaka
2008 "Comical & Cynical", Gallery Jijihyang, Paju, Korea
2007 "Comical & Cynical", Dawn Center, Osaka
2006 "from the Garden", The Third Gallery Aya, Osaka.
2000 "phantome", SUMISO, Osaka.

Publication

2022 *Contrayerba in dreaming -detox plants-history*, SEIGENSHA Art Publishing, Inc. Kyoto
2015 *Moving Plants*, SEIGENSHA Art Publishing, Inc. Kyoto

Award

2023 Photo city Sagamihara prize

Public collection

Sagamihara-city

Other work

2003 Photographs for the poster and the catalogue for "Kiyoshi Kwasaki: Architecture and Environment", National museum of Art, Osaka.

Education

2000 Photography course, Inter Medium Institute, Osaka.
1990 Psychology course, the department of literature, Osaka City University.