

## About our Artist in Residence Krems 2008

MoNo is an office for two architects, Fumiaki Nagashima and Mami Maruoka Nagashima. The works extend to wide range: the design of architecture, Interior and product, the art of Installation, graphic and video. Without border lines of fields, we develop the activities.

We had this chance of Artist in Residence Krems as the reward of International Architectural design competition "TIA Scholarship Award" that ORTE and Danube University hosted in 2007. The experience to spend for one month in Austria was the first time for us, and it was very splendid. Our stay was blessed with good persons, good scenes of work, and good summer season.

We named the theme of our activities during this stay "Light and Atmosphere in the Japanese way". Because TIA Award recognized our presentation as a good expression of Japanese original sense of space and daylight. Firstly, through ORTE support, we could have some opportunities of presentation and discussion about our theme with architects of niederosterreich and leaders of company. And at the department of building and environment of Danube University, we could study about different situations of daylight with our art work in the "Licht Labor". Additionally, the simulation tests of our installation art could be realized at various places. In conclusion, the next spring project of our exhibition and lecture started, and ORTE decided the second invitation to us.

For our these activities, your system AIR-Krems is superior in many aspects. For example, about the personal studio TOP21 we stayed, it has enough space under the good privacy to manage living and working. We could try a few simulation test of our installation art with different situations. TOP25 where all artists can use is also equipped with PC, copier, printer and industrial tools, these always helped us. And on top of these things, your AIR-team supports were so kind.

Two governments, Austrian and Japanese, set the next year 2009 as the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic relationship. At the great right time, it would be pleasure for us to come back to Krems. We look forward to see you again and to see beautiful scenes of spring Krems !

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