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160 years ago the Kingdom of Prussia and the Tokugawa Shogunate signed the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, which today is largely considered the starting point of German-Japanese diplomatic relations. In tribute to these long-standing ties, an expansive 80-metre mural has been created along the exterior wall of the **German Embassy in Tokyo**.

The monumental mural, which was curated by **TokyoDex** and created by the Osaka-based Japanese artist duo **WHOLE9**, features portraits of pioneers and events which have shaped the long history of relations between the two nations. Ascending the sloping street outside the embassy is to glimpse at avante-garde interpretations of the past, as well as what lies ahead.

Divided into six sections – medicine and science, culture, trade and economics, music, sports, and politics – the murals show photo-realistic portraits of trailblazers including Philipp Franz von Siebold and Mori Ogai, as well as more recent personages such as the East German conductor Kurt Masur and award-winning choreographer Pina Bausch. It will stay up for the remainder of 2021.

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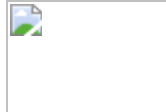
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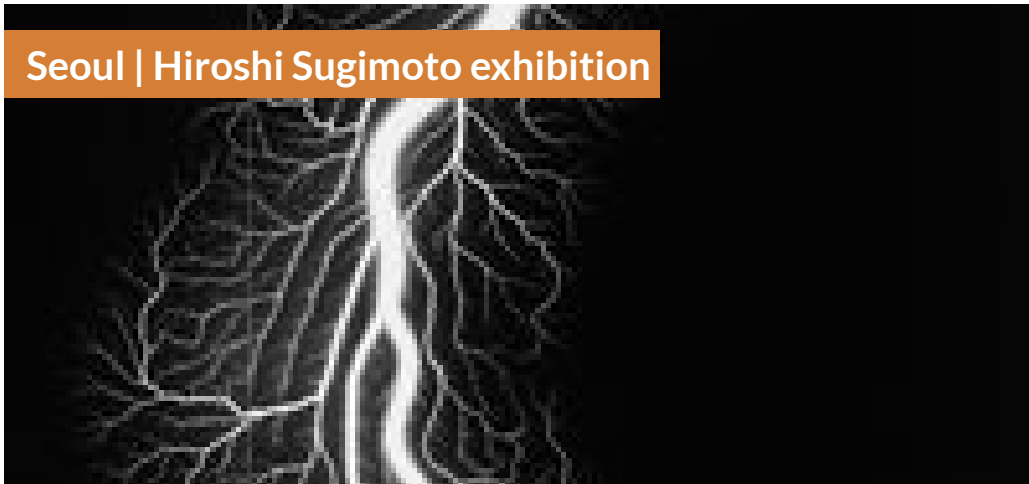
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