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WIEN MUSEUM IN JAPAN

“Vienna on the Path to Modernism” in Tokio and Osaka

Press Preview: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 1 p.m., **The National Art Center, Tokyo**
Opening: Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 3 p.m., **The National Art Center, Tokyo**
Duration: April 24 until August 5, 2019, The National Art Center, Tokyo
August 27 until Dezember 8, 2019, The National Museum of Art, Osaka
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The renovation and extension of the Wien Museum Karlsplatz provides a unique opportunity to send on tour the most precious and significant objects normally displayed in Wien Museum's permanent exhibition. In 2019 – 150 years after diplomatic relations between Japan and Austria were first established – a major Wien Museum presentation has been planned in Tokyo and Osaka.

Entitled “Vienna on the Path to Modernism”, the top-flight show presents objects from the Wien Museum collection reflecting structural, social, and political changes during the course of Vienna's development from the late eighteenth to the turn of the twentieth century. High points include works by Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele as well as products of the Wiener Werkstätte. Rarely exhibited objects, such as early Secession posters and a series of drawings by Klimt and Schiele, will also be on display.

An exhibition in two museums from April to December 2019

Two world-class Japanese art institutions will present the Wien Museum exhibition: the **National Art Center Tokyo** from **24 April to 5 August 2019** and the **National Museum of Art, Osaka** from **27 August to 8 December 2019**. The majority of the ca. 450 objects will appear in both venues, with slightly fewer items shown in Osaka. Six Wien Museum curators and conservators will ensure that the exhibition is seamlessly assembled and dismantled.

Planning and implementation has been executed in cooperation with the Viennese firm *Decorative Arts Consult* and the Japanese media corporation *The Yomiuri Shimbun*.

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