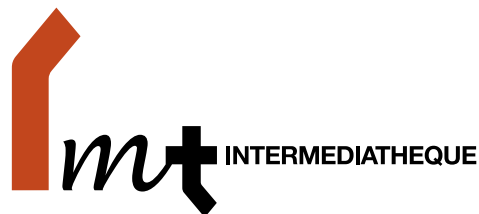




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Special Exhibition “Megalomania Botany”



Main Features of the Exhibition

“Botanical specimens, extravagantly huge”
“Confront the real presence of life”

- We have been collecting the world’s largest plant leaves, such as the Traveler’s tree, Gorgon plant and Titan arum, with the collaboration of Koishikawa Botanical Gardens, Jindai Botanical Park, Mizumoto Park, and Associate Professor Hiroshi Ikeda (UMUT). We now unveil the collection of huge plants.
- Usually, botanists divide huge plants into sections to make academic specimens; here we attempted to produce full-sized specimens, to emphasize the plant’s huge size.
- Through this method of creation, we tried to convey directly the plants’ overwhelming presence and power of life.
- Huge and bulky plants are difficult to dry and create into specimens. These specimens, including the eventual defects caused during their making, teach us that these humongous leaves, in spite of their size, are also fragile and fugitive.

Key Information

[Title] Special Exhibition “Megalomania Botany”

[Dates] May 21 – October 6, 2019

[Opening Hours] 11:00 – 18:00 (open until 20:00 on Friday and Saturday) *Opening hours may change.

[Closed on] Mondays (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a National Holiday). May close irregularly.

[Venue] Intermediatheque 2F [GREY CUBE]

[Organizer] The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT)

[Admission] Free of charge

[Address] KITTE 2-3F, 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

[Access] JR lines and Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line Tokyo Station. Direct access from the Marunouchi Underground Pathway.

Publications

- Card leaflet
- Poster

Main Exhibits

Traveler’s tree (A plant distributing in Madagascar, with characteristic huge leaves)

Gorgon plant (A tropical aquatic plant: it is said that a child can stand on its leaf)

Titan arum (A plant with the largest flower on Earth, the height of which can reach 3.5 metres)

