

Press Release

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SMM to Serve as Special Supporter of Exhibition on Legacy of the Roman Empire

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM) has come forward to serve as a special supporter of a major exhibition to be held at the National Museum of Western Art in Tokyo and several other venues around Japan. The exhibition, titled “L’eredità dell’Impero romano,” will focus on the artistic and archeological legacy of the ancient Roman Empire.

Among the roughly 120 items on show will be jewelry, handcrafted articles, murals, frescos, sculptures, everyday utensils and mock-ups. Items will be on loan from institutions including Museo Archeologico Nazionale (Naples), Soprintendenza Archeologica di Pompei (Pompeii) and Musei Capitolini (Rome).

The event marks the third time SMM is providing its support to an exhibition relating to ancient Rome. The company earlier cooperated in an exhibition on Etruscan civilization in 1990 and a show on Pompeii in 2006. The decision to support “L’eredità dell’Impero romano” was based largely on three factors: 1) the significance of introducing the cultural and artistic legacies of Roman times, 2) the fact that the exhibition will show precious and non-ferrous metals, with which the company has deep affinities, and 3) the exhibition’s tangential theme of respect for nature, which coincides with SMM’s Group business philosophy.

The exhibition will initially be held at the National Museum of Western Art in Tokyo from September 19 through December 13. It will subsequently travel next year to the Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art from January 6 to March 22, the Aomori Museum of Art from April 10 to June 13, and the Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art from July 3 to August 22.

For further information:

<http://www.nmwa.go.jp/en/exhibitions/roma200909.html>

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