

## ON THE HORIZON

## **EXHIBITIONS**

## KOJI MIZUTANI

Artist Koji Mizutani is back on

his "Merry" way. And this time, he's putting great big smiles on the faces of Tokyo.





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Mizutani stops people at random on the streets of the capital. photographs them smiling and asks them to jot down their definition of "merry."

The project is similar to previous work he has done in Tokyo, Kobe and New York. Last September, he went to Big Apple to see for himself how people there were doing a year after the tragic events of 9/11. It turns out they had a lot to smile about.

About 1,500 of the photographs that Mizutani took in Tokyo recently will be on display at several venues around the city this month.

Through Aug. 3, they'll be in Metro Hat, the domelike escalator hall that connects Roppongi subway station with the recently opened Roppongi Hills complex. The venue closes when the last train departs and reopens when trains start running in the morning.

The show then moves to the Caretta Shiodome retail and office complex, where it will be on display almost continuously through Aug. 31. The venue, near JR Shinbashi Station, can be accessed from 8 a.m. to midnight.

During the Hibiya Festa on Aug. 6, 7 and 8, the photos can be seen in Hibiya Park from 6-10 p.m. daily.

Free, Visit < www.21merry.net> or call Mizutani Studio at 03-3478-1931.