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#3 Sagawa Art Museum – A wish for peace left by a famous artist –

On my way back from Osaka, I went to the Sagawa Art Museum on the shores of Lake Biwa. The light reflected from the water garden is quiveringly projected on the walls and ceiling of the passage to the entrance, which was very fantastic. The building itself is like a work of art.

Many sketches and paintings by the painter Ikuo Hirayama are exhibited in the permanent exhibition rooms. This is the first time I have actually seen his paintings. Some of the temples and archaeological sites depicted on the paintings are those that I have visited on trips, and memories of which came rushing back to me in vivid detail.

In the middle of the exhibition route, there is a room named "Prayer of Peace". Looking at the "Prayer of Peace: Sarajevo Battlefield" exhibited there, we can discern the artist's strong desire for peace. He was born in Hiroshima and was exposed to the atomic bomb when he was in junior high school.

The works on display included paintings of the Palmyra ruins (Syria) and the Bamiyan Buddhas (Afghanistan), but we can no longer see the same view depicted there.

All I can do is pray that there will be no conflicts from all over the world. Even if I am helpless, I will keep to do so.

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