

# Art Events and Renovation of Vacant Houses

## Transformation of Art Events in Mukojima

Art Events by Professional Artists

<Bokuto Machimise>

Ordinary ( Art ) Events



Mukojima Art Events in Autumn(2002)



<Bokuto Machimise>Art Events(2009)



Jin-Bato Game in Hato-no-Machi (Town of Pigeons)(2014)

Art events in Mukojima started around 2000. Once a year, many artists were invited and used the whole town for the events, but those events didn't continue. In 2009, an NPO-AMS (Association of Mukojima Studies), TMG (Tokyo Metropolitan Government) and Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture organized the art project <Bokuto Machimise> and continued till 2013.

In 2013, the event changed the name to <"Bokuto Machimise" Art Platform>, and the purpose was shifted to stably continue the art center and people's network. By the end of 2013, AMS and TMG had finished their roles, now the main activities are small events by the residents.

Many artists who came to Mukojima through the art projects, have set up their activity places and performed small events frequently. Such activities have widely been informed through SNS and verbal communication. Now various and new types of art events are performed ordinary, have become a part of daily life in the community.

## Renovation of Vacant Houses



before and after : renovation of vacant house

Often young artists renovate vacant houses for their activities. They prefer the atmosphere of old private house, and the earthen and wide entrance space of the small factory is suited for their production work. They make human network with the residents through art events, and negotiate with the landlords to rent. Reuse of vacant houses prevents deterioration, and with the low rent it encourages young people to move into the community.

■ cafe



Exterior of a cafe, Bunkan



Interior of a cafe, Bunkan

■ shared-housing



Exterior of a shared-housing, Bunka-kaikan



Interior of a shared-housing, Bunka-kaikan

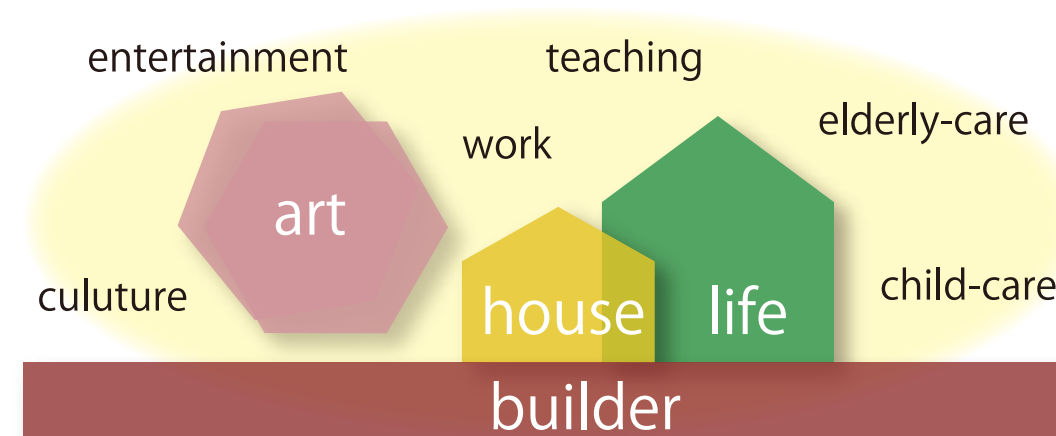
## New Movement in Mukojima



BUGHAUS members



BUGHAUS activities



BUGHAUS philosophy

The "BUGHAUS" is a group of artists, builders and factory owners in Mukojima, founded in 2010. Their mission is not only planning but also supporting the art activities by getting enough funding, which will also help to continue housing renovation.