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Do you know about tablet calligraphy? We use tablets equipped with the Zen Brush2 app and Apple Pencils instead of brushes, ink, papers or ink stones. Hoyu Sakuma, who has been teaching calligraphy over 15 years, says, "I want everyone from novices to foreigners to feel the beauty of calligraphy through experiencing tablet She is sharing calligraphy culture with the world.

Here's my experience note and her New Year cards made by tablet.



January 1, the Year of the Rabbit

Happy her year.

Happy New Year!



Praying for World peace, International cultural exchange, Good health, A plentiful harvest, Good business

Works of New Year cards using Zen Brush 2 app

"I wrote not only normal New Year's cards but also special ones for current world situations wishing world peace and hope," Hoyu said.



Wishing a happy new year! Wishing this new year to be wonderful.

January 1, Reiwa 5

Hoyu Sakuma

Reference: Pictures of rabbit in Sumie painting Edited by Nichibou Shuppan Published by Nichibou Shuppan 2010

Attending the tablet calligraphy workshop

We used tablets (iPads) and Apple Pencils provided by the classroom. The tablets were equipped with the Zen Brush 2 app that captures the qualities of power and beauty of the ink brush.

First I consulted her on my image of what I wanted to write.

In normal calligraphy, it's impossible to change the paper after writing on it, but we can do so in tablet calligraphy. After writing, you can choose from 92 style templates.



And we can also change the depth of the ink. The tablet can detect the pressure of the brushtip and the speed of the writing. So, the written lines are much more similar to a real brush than I expected.

I asked her to write a model (left picture) and I enjoyed writing the lines created (right picture). After I finished writing, I asked her to correct it and she corrected more than I expected. Oh, my!

I did hesitate a little to write with moves different from a real brush, so there is room to expect future developments in digital calligraphy.

Date: December 3rd

You should at least bring your phone.

Time: 11:00-12:00, 13:00-14:00, 14:00-15:00 Place: Gallery Café George

Tablet calligraphy workshop

Date: November 12, 26, 2022

Time: 1 hour between 13:00-16:00 Place: Calligraphy Classroom of Hoyu Sakuma 2-17-26 Haitsu Souwa 101, Hon-cho Koganei-shi,

Fee: 2000 yen including tax A reservation by phone is needed. Phone: 042-381-2356 https://hoyushodou.tokyo/

Setagaya-ku, Tokyo 3-minute walk from Soshigaya Okura station on the Odakyu line Fee: 1500 yen including tax, and an order of food or drink is required. A reservation by phone is needed Phone: 03-6411-4333 Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays https//gc-george.com

Back room of 2nd floor of Sato Building, 3-36-29 Soshigaya



Zen Brush 2

Requirements: iPhone/iPad

Price: 480 yen including tax

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* New version Zen Brush 3 is available now. On October 5, 2022 http://psoftmobile.net/jp/zenbrush2.html





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