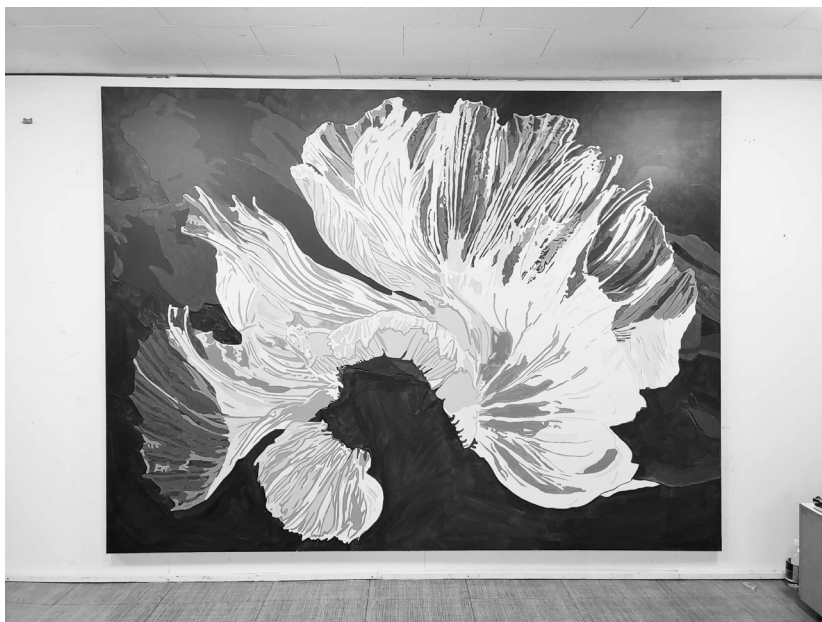


## *Studio Now*



In this month, Cognition 24 is in progress in my studio.

## *The explanation of my works*



<Cognition 23, 2023>

This artwork represents a space created by light and is an image that visualizes the internal imagination of the interaction between light and space.

## *Kim's Essay*

### **Expansion of reality, replication of reality? (1)**

Last month, an art organization held a panel discussion on the topic of 'meta-verse'. Four teams, including two artist teams and two corporate teams active domestically and abroad, gave presentations. As I didn't have much time, I was only able to listen to the presentations of the two artist teams, but from the introduction written on the prints I received, I could see that their activities were quite diverse in exhibitions and resumes. Perhaps because of this, I listened to their presentations with an expectation of what they thought the meta-verse was.

The first team presented a virtual program that mainly restored existing places to virtual reality, and the other team presented a video using their claimed environmentally friendly materials as a theme related to global climate change. (According to their explanation, they aimed to create artwork, such as sculptures, that would crumble and disappear over time until they ultimately cease to exist.)

After listening to their presentations, I was somewhat disappointed. Perhaps I had high expectations because they were teams active in the media field. However, as I listened to their presentations, my curiosity about the metaverse actually decreased. Only one keyword mentioned by one team caught my eye.

'Expansion of reality? Replication of reality?'

In a way, I thought this keyword might be the most important concern for artists pursuing the meta-verse, but I couldn't hear the team's exact thoughts on this keyword from the team. Although I couldn't listen to the presentations from the corporate teams, I was left feeling regretful. However, the question, 'If it were me, how could I explain the expansion and replication of reality?' lingered in my mind for a while. As I write this, I see people walking in different directions and some young friends riding skateboards in the square outside my window.

'Can this reality be extended to virtual space? And if so, what about replicating reality?'