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## KOIAS Lecture by Nobuo Kazashi at Kobe University

A KOIAS Lecture was delivered at Kobe University by **Nobuo Kazashi**, Professor Emeritus at Kobe University. His lecture, titled “The Presence of the Boundless Sea and the Departed: On Nishida Kitarō’s Tanka Poems and Essays on Art (A Tentative Consideration with English Translation),” examined the poetic and aesthetic dimensions of **Nishida Kitarō**’s work.

Professor Kazashi focused on Nishida’s tanka poems and essays on art, presenting selected poems together with tentative English translations. He discussed Nishida’s view that short poetic forms can articulate aspects of life and experience that escape philosophical prose, and explored how this poetic sensibility relates to what has been described as Nishida’s “philosophy of the sea.”



