

## Personal History of President

**Kazumi Arikawa, President,**

**Albion Art Co. Ltd.**

President, Albion Art Jewelry Institute

Chevaliers of the Order of Arts and Letters

Part-time teacher at Tokyo University of the Arts

- March 1952** Born in Kita-kyushu.
- March 1977** Graduates from the School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University Starts collecting Buddhist arts around this time.
- April 1981** Joins “Hoseki no Arikawa” (Jewelry Arikawa) and takes charge of the import division.
- August 1982** Inspired by the antique jewelry collection of Pforzheim Jewelry Museum in the former West Germany and studies under the museum director, Dr. Fritz Falk.
- December 1982** Travels to Europe to study jewelry.
- October 1985** Establishes and becomes president of Albion Art Japan Co. Ltd.
- 1996** Studies under British jewelry historian Diana Scarisbrick.
- April 2004** Establishes and becomes president of Albion Art Jewelry Institute (AAJI).
- April 2005** Appointed and has been teaching as part-time teacher at the Tokyo University of the Arts.
- March 2007** Named Chevaliers of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French Government.
- May 2007** Invited to the HRD Award (International Diamond Jewelry Award) by Antwerp World Diamond Center (AWDC) as a judge
- April 2009** Awarded Chevaliers of the Order of Arts and Letters at the French Embassy in Tokyo.

