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360cities.net Unveils Gigapixel Panoramic Photo of Tokyo

45-Gigapixel Image is a Portrait of Tokyo from the Roppongi Hills Mori Tower

Prague, Czech Republic 23 July 2013 - A newly published 360-degree gigapixel panorama of Tokyo is the latest in a series of landmark city gigapixel images from leading panorama photography firm 360Cities. The image of Tokyo, viewable at 360gigapixels.com/tokyo-gigapixel-roppongi-hills-mori-tower, has a total resolution of 45 gigapixels, or 45 billion pixels. Shot by photographer and 360Cities founder Jeffrey Martin over a period of three days from the top of the Roppongi Hills Mori Tower in Tokyo, the panoramic image allows viewers to zoom in from this vantage point - 52 stories up in the air – and see an astonishing degree of detail. Countless landmarks, houses, skyscrapers, shops, offices, and streets are all explorable in this one photograph. In short, it is a remarkable portrait of the amazing city of Tokyo.

If printed at normal photographic resolution, the panoramic photo would be 45 meters long and 22.5 meters tall.

Martin, a panoramic photographer and the Founder of 360Cities.net, created the panorama from 8000 high-resolution individual photos taken from the top of the Roppongi Hills Mori Tower building. These thousands of photos were then stitched together as one single image on a powerful Fujitsu CELSIUS workstation, provided by Fujitsu Technology Solutions. The computer comprises dual 6-core CPUs, 192GB of RAM, and a 4GB graphics card.

The Tokyo gigapixel panorama can be found at <u>360gigapixels.com/tokyo-gigapixel-roppongi-hills-moritower.</u>

Notes to editors:

Technical information

Quick facts

Photographer and image creator: Jeffrey Martin
45 - the number gigapixels in the photo
8000 - the number of individual images shot
9 - the number of hours it took to shoot all the individual photos
12 - the number of weeks over which the computer processed the final result
90,000 - times bigger than a typical camera phone photo resolution
166 - the number of feet long if printed in normal photographic resolution
83 - the number of feet high if printed in normal photographic resolution
52 - The floor at the Roppongi Hills Mori Tower where the photos were taken
25 - number of kilometres distant to the viewable horizon

A Canon 7D camera and a 400mm f5.6 lens were used to shoot the Tokyo gigapixel panorama. The rig was mounted on a Clauss Rodeon VR Head ST robotic panorama head and positioned at four secure locations around the tower to make the shoot. The raw images were then processed over a multi-week period using Fujitsu Technology Solutions' Celsius R920 workstation with 192GB of RAM and 12 cores, and Autopano Giga panorama stitching software from Kolor, The resulting online interactive version of the photo is presented in multi-layered, tiled resolution that permits zooming in to view extreme details, and is composed of millions of individual image tiles.



About 360 Cities

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