

## Blame you

Working on the *Bystander* series since 2011, I started to question if people are bystanders only in situations of physical abuse of others in the society. Questioning if people become bystanders only when someone is physically hurt or assaulted by another, I decided to focus my observation on the invisible bystanders in 2014.

In the society, people do not live as just individuals, but in connection with countless other people, including not only people at work, but also family and local community, etc. And in this interweaving of people lurks invisible neglect and violence. What I focused on in 2014 is the relationship between the 'dominator' and the 'dominated', or the powerful and the powerless. On the news we often hear about the pyramid of large companies, small and medium businesses, subcontractors, and the laborers at the bottom of the pyramid. With great power and authority, the presence of the powerful itself can seem like tyranny to the powerless. The immoral ones with power take advantage of their position, and try to exploit the powerless as much as possible. In a cycle that resembles a food-chain, in which the powerful exploit the powerless, the ones with more power try to gain as much profit for himself as possible, and the powerless are often left with no other choice but the worst.

Although it seems natural that the ones with more power would hold more responsibility, that's actually not true in reality. Responsibility is tossed in the air like hot potato, and in the end, the one in supreme command turns his back and pretends nothing happened, and the surrounding people become silent onlookers and invisible bystanders of such situation.

In this exhibition, size is juxtaposed in order to clearly demonstrate the relationship between the powerful and the powerless. The difference in size is clear, with the powerful expressed in large scale and heavy color, and the powerless, burdened with responsibility, in small scale. The powerless blame each other for the responsibility, knowing but pretending as if they didn't know, and blinding their eyes, pointing their fingers at each other and blaming others. The one with the biggest responsibility turn his back on them and ignore them. With their arms crossed as if to say "What do you want me to do about it?", the people who blame others in the *Bystander* series signify people living in the society today, including myself.