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A STUDY ON THE SPACE-AGE AESTHETICS CULTURE SINCE 1950S: ARCHITECTURE AND
EXHIBITION CRAFTWORKS

Abstract

The purposes of this paper are to study the developments of space-age aesthetics culture and arts in seven decades since 1950s. The first known use of “space-age” was in 1946, and was defined as “of, relating to, or befitting the age of space exploration.” [1] A more popular definition for the “space age” is “The space age is the time period in human history related to the space race, space exploration, and space technology. Most people say this started when Sputnik 1 was launched in 1957, and continues to today. This has influenced culture such as in movies, television, music, art, and architecture.” [2] Culture, in the anthropology, is the patterns of behavior and thinking that people living in social groups learn, create, and share. Culture distinguishes one human group from others. It also distinguishes humans from other animals. A people’s culture includes their beliefs, rules of behavior, language, rituals, art, technology, styles of dress, ways of producing and cooking food, religion, and political and economic systems. [3] Therefore, the space-age aesthetics art is one major element of the space-age culture of human beings. On the other hand, the space exploration has significant inspiration and influence on the aesthetics art. In particular, the following aspects shall be studied: Primary studies: (1) Space-age architecture: Monument to the Conquerors of Space in Russia, Space Needle in Seattle, USA, etc. (2) Exhibition craftworks: World-wide exhibitions of Moon model, Earth model (Gaia) and Mars model, space related embroidery, etc. Secondary studies: (3) Space-age painting: Star storm, First man on the moon, etc. (4) Space-age fashions: designed by André Courrèges, Pierre Cardin, etc. (5) Space related music: songs written by Tena Clark, etc.

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