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Kaoru Mende was born in Tokyo in 1950, earned a bachelors and masters degree from Tokyo University of Art in the field of industrial and environmental design. In 1990, he founded Lighting Planners Associates Inc. The scope of his design and planning activities ranges widely from residential and architectural lighting design to urban and environmental lighting. Mende is also the acting chief of the "Lighting Detectives", a citizens' group that specializes in the study of the culture of lighting.

Mende has been involved in such superb projects as Tokyo International Forum, JR Kyoto Station, Sendai Mediatheque, Roppongi Hills, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore City Center Lighting Master Plan, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims, Chino Cultural Complex, Alila Villas Uluwatu, and Aman New Delhi, Osaka City Lighting Master Plan, Façade Lighting for Tokyo Station.

Awards Mende has received include the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Award of Distinction, International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) Radiance Award, Japan Culture Design Award, Mainichi Design Award, and others.

Mende is a professor at Musashino Art University and a part-time lecturer at Tokyo University, Tokyo University of Art, and other institutions.

Mende is a member of the following associations, Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ), Japan Urban Design Institute (JUDI), Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA), International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), and Japan Design Committee (JDC).

Books Mende has authored include, "Light, Light / Do you enjoy lighting?" (Tokyo Shoseki), "Science of Illumination and Lighting" (Shokokusha), "Welcome to Lighting Detective" (Nikkei BP), "A Manner in Architectural Lighting Design" (TOTO Publishing), "Designing with Light and Shadow" (Image Publishing), "Transnational Lighting Detectives" (Kajima Publishing), "LIGHTING DESIGN for Urban Environments and Architecture" (Rikuyosya) and many other.



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