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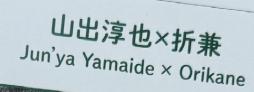
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being fueled by a lack of successors. One of the six participating companies, NAKAWOOD, is working to revitalize the forests by turning thinned bamboo and wood into wood powder. For this project, they mixed resin with the wood powder and molded it into a trash box. Artist Jun'ya Yamaide, who provided design guidance, focused on more than just the aesthetic—he aimed to evoke the craftsmanship behind the product and the local landscape. This initiative is intended to contribute to the future of both the company and the community.

decayed wood and scrap metal. Crafted by master artisans, the table features over 200 meticulously welded joints, resulting in a oneof-a-kind design.

"I told the participating businesses to approach this as if they were exhibiting at Milan Design Week," Konishi explains. "But co-creation is merely a means to an end. Simply making something safe and inoffensive won't change anything. I want this to be something that ignites passion—something that feels like a festival. That sense of shared energy,

that frenzy, is what we're aiming for. When that happens, even an event as large as the Expo will feel deeply personal to those who experience it."

On a broader scale, not all businesses and advisors saw their projects unfold exactly as they had envisioned, and there were clear differences in engagement across initiatives. Still, it's this very approach—an Expo where people can actively shape the future and feel truly invested—that defines what a design-driven Expo should be. 🐠