

News Release

UOB Indonesia calls for submissions for 15th UOB Painting of the Year competition

Empowering local artists through regional platform and art-inspired culinary experience

Jakarta, 8 May 2025 – UOB Indonesia is inviting artists to participate in the 15th UOB Painting of the Year (UOB POY) competition. Established in 1982 in Singapore and expanded to Indonesia in 2011 and other ASEAN markets thereafter, the UOB POY competition remains one of the most recognised art platforms in the region.

UOB Indonesia continues to encourage artists from all walks of life, across both the emerging and established categories, to push their creative boundaries and join the Bank's flagship art competition.

Empowering artists through overseas residencies

One of the most sought-after prizes of the UOB POY competition is the opportunity to participate in international artist residencies. 2024 UOB POY Indonesia winner, Muhammad Yakin, recently completed the UOB-NAFA Artist-in-Residence programme at Cité Internationale des arts in Paris, where he gained valuable global exposure, including participating in an exclusive open studio and talk show session, while engaging with the international art community.

As part of UOB's commitment to support the artist's journey development, Yakin will be sharing his residency experience with the public and the UOB Artist Alumni Network, a regional platform set up to elevate the profiles of winning artists from the UOB POY competition. The network was launched to enhance UOB's long-term support for artists through four key areas such as artwork exhibitions at marquee platforms like Art Jakarta and Art Central in Hong Kong, where UOB is a lead partner, artwork commissions for display or auctions, overseas artist residency programmes and networking opportunities and engagements with peers and leaders of the art community.





Mrs Maya Rizano, Head of Strategic Communications and Brand, UOB Indonesia, said, “As part of a leading regional bank in Asia, which celebrates its 90 years of heritage, UOB Indonesia is committed to creating long-term impact that goes beyond banking. The UOB POY competition and the UOB Artist Alumni Network reflect our dedication to nurturing the artistic community through sustained growth and regional collaboration. By providing Indonesian artists with the opportunity of international residencies and access to a Southeast Asian network, we help them to grow their artistic careers and make their mark on the regional and global art scene.”

Launch of 15th UOB POY competition from today

Submissions for the 15th UOB POY competition will open from 8 May to 2 August 2025. All Indonesian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to submit one artwork online for either the Established or Emerging Artist Category at UOBandArt.com.

The panel of judges this year comprises art experts with international backgrounds:

1. Dr Agung Hujatnika, Independent Curator and Lecturer at Bandung Institute of Technology, as the Head of Judge who will represent Indonesia at the regional competition in Singapore;
2. Ms Venus Lau, Director of Museum MACAN (Modern and Contemporary Art in Nusantara) Jakarta; and
3. Ms Alia Swastika, Curator and Director of the Biennale Jogja Foundation.

The winners of the 15th UOB POY (Indonesia) competition will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on 15 October 2025. The top winning artist from the Established Artist Category will also compete with winners from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam for the coveted UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award and a chance to attend an overseas residency programme. The winner of UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award will be announced on 12 November 2025, in Singapore.

Bringing art to the public through from “Palette to Plate: Elevate your Senses with Art”

Following the success of last year’s collaboration, UOB Indonesia continued to partner with Remboelan Indonesian Soul Food to present a new edition of “From Palette to Plate: Elevate your Senses with Art”, a culinary-meets-art experience inspired by winning artworks of the UOB POY competition.



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This year's exclusive menu features newly-crafted dishes by Remboelan's chefs, each telling a unique story inspired by past UOB POY Indonesia artworks, translating colours, themes, and emotions into rich, authentic Indonesian flavours:

1. *Es Cincau Sang Berdiam* (The Silent Ice Cincau)

Inspired by "The Idol of Unmoved Uncaused Cause Mover" by the artwork of Muhammad Yakin, 2024 UOB POY Winner (Indonesia), the drink's black and white contrast reflects the balance between personal ambition and insecurity in facing internal conflicts.

2. *Nasi Pelangi Puan* (Puan's Rainbow Rice)

Comprising of eight delightful elements, the all-in-one main course symbolises the challenges faced by modern women. Inspired by '*Puan Hari Ini*' by Diana Puspita Sari, Silver Winner of Established Artist Category, 14th UOB POY, the colourful dish celebrates a woman's courage to forge new paths while embracing cultural traditions as part of their whole identity.

3. *Es Bayang Selendang Aruna* (Aruna's Shadow Ice Shawl)

A tribute to the interconnectedness of all living beings, *Es Bayang Selendang Aruna* is inspired by the artwork of I Wayan Sudarsana, Gold Winner of Established Artist Category, 14th UOB POY, titled "*Tubuh di antara Tubuh*" (Bodies among Bodies). The white-based dessert blends with slices of fluorescent red, reflecting the harmony of diversity in every refreshing bite.

Available from 10 May to 30 June 2025 at selected Remboelan outlets¹, the menu invites the public to experience art in a fresh and immersive way.

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¹ Available at Remboelan Plaza Senayan, Central Park, Senayan City, Grand Indonesia, Kota Kasablanka, Pondok Indah Mall, and Semesta by Remboelan.



Notes to Media

“From Palette to Plate: Elevate Your Senses with Art’ will be available at participating Remboelan outlets from 10 May to 30 June 2025.



Es Cincau Sang Berdiam, a refreshing drink derived from the painting of Muhammad Yakin, 2024 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) titled ‘The Idol of Unmoved Uncaused Cause Mover’.



Nasi Pelangi Puan, a full meal inspired by ‘Puan Hari Ini’, a painting by Diana Puspita Sari, Silver Winner of Established Artist Category, 14th UOB POY.





Es Bayang Selendang Aruna, a dessert consisting of refreshing elements and milk, translated from the painting '*Tubuh di antara Tubuh*' (Bodies among Bodies) by I Wayan Sudarsana, Gold Winner, Established Artist Category, 14th UOB POY.





About UOB and Art

UOB's involvement in art started in the 1970s with its collection of paintings by Singapore artists. Today, the UOB Art Collection has more than 2,600 artworks, made up primarily of paintings from established and emerging Southeast Asian artists.

UOB plays an active role in communities across the region, most notably through its long-term commitment to art. As the leading patron of the arts in Asia, the Bank continues to make art accessible to a wider audience through a diverse range of visual art programmes, partnerships and community outreach across the region.

The Bank's flagship art programme is the UOB Painting of the Year competition, which was started in 1982 to recognise Southeast Asian artists and to offer them the opportunity to showcase their works to the wider community. The competition was extended to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and in 2023, to Vietnam. It is now the longest running art competition in Singapore and one of the most prestigious in Southeast Asia. Past winners include Singapore Cultural Medallion winners Mr Goh Beng Kwan, Mr Anthony Poon and Mr Chua Ek Kay, as well as 2016 Benesse Prize winner, Thai artist Ms Pannaphan Yodmanee.

Together with the UOB POY winning artists, UOB also runs art workshops for underprivileged and special needs children regularly. At these workshops, the young learn art techniques from art professionals and award-winning artists.

In recognition of the Bank's long-term commitment to art, UOB was presented with the National Arts Council's Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award for the 20th consecutive year in 2023 and the Honorary Patron of the Arts Award, a life -time recognition.

About UOB Indonesia

UOB Indonesia is a subsidiary of UOB, a leading bank in Asia with a global network of more than 470 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. Established in 1956 through PT Bank Buana Indonesia, PT Bank UOB Indonesia was formed after a merger with PT Bank UOB Buana, which marked the existence of UOB Indonesia for more than a decade in Indonesia.

UOB Indonesia's service network comprises 41 branch offices, 50 sub-branch offices and 108 ATMs across 42 cities in 16 provinces in Indonesia. UOB Indonesia's banking services are accessible through its regional ATM network, the ATM Prima and Bersama networks and the Visa network.

UOB Indonesia is committed to providing quality products and excellent customer service. The Bank offers various banking products and services categorised into digital bank, personal financial services, business banking, commercial banking, corporate banking, global markets and investment management. UOB Indonesia is rated AAA (idn) by Fitch Ratings.

The Bank has a strong retail customer base through its wide range of saving products, mortgage services and credit cards. UOB Indonesia's banking services are also accessible in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand through hundreds of UOB ATMs.

UOB's award-winning digital bank, TMRW, serves Indonesia's generation of enterprising and digitally-savvy customers by providing a better, personalised banking experience through the use of data and customer feedback. Through TMRW, the Bank is committed to helping customers meet their financial goals as they build a better tomorrow.

UOB Indonesia also offers a full suite of corporate/commercial products, including a range of treasury and cash management products and services. UOB Indonesia is focused on helping companies with



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their expansion plans and has supported many enterprises from industries such as construction, mining, real estate and the services sector in their expansion into Indonesia.

UOB Indonesia believes in being a responsible financial services provider and it is committed to making a difference in the lives of its stakeholders and in the communities in which it operates. Just as the Bank is dedicated to helping customers manage their finances wisely and to grow their businesses, UOB Indonesia is steadfast in its support of social development, particularly in the areas of art, children and education.

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