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A visual commentary on the role of humanity wins the 2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) award

Jakarta, 16 October 2018 – PT Bank UOB Indonesia (UOB Indonesia) today awarded the 2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) award to Mr Suvi Wahyudianto for his painting titled *Angs't (Angst)*.

Mr Wahyudianto, a 26-year-old artist from Madura, East Java, said his piece focused on the primordial essence of ethnicity and the important role of empathy.

“My artwork emphasises the need for empathy and draws from the inter-ethnic tensions¹ in Sampit, Kalimantan as its inspiration. It also symbolises a hope that one day the thick wall that separates us from seeing and treating each other as equal human beings will come down. After all, despite our racial and cultural differences, we are essentially the same. As a young professional artist, I am honoured to win the 2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) award. This is my first international art competition and it has been a rewarding experience.”

Mr Wahyudianto’s abstract painting impressed a panel of judges comprising Indonesia’s established art professionals, namely contemporary artist Mr Entang Wiharso, art collector Dr Wiyu Wahono and art writer and critic Mr Bambang Bujono.

Commenting on the winning painting, Mr Wiharso said that the artwork is the artist’s interpretation of a collective memory of social tensions that have left communities in physical and emotional pain. It also shows the artist questioning the issue of humanity. The use of the strong texture of red pigment that resembles wounds and burnt flesh demonstrates the sensibility aspect, technique and message of the artwork. These have led to Mr Wahyudianto winning the award for the country.

¹ Refers to the inter-ethnic tension between the indigenous Dayak people and the migrant Madurese from Madura, East Java. The conflict, which led to more than 500 casualties, took place in Sampit, Kalimantan, Indonesia in February 2001.

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Angs't, 2018

Mr Suvi Wahyudianto

2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia)

Mixed media (resin, plastic, enamel and pigment) on aluminium plate

As the winner of the 2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) competition, Mr Wahyudianto received a cash prize of IDR250 million. His artwork will go on to compete with the winning entries from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand for the UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award which will be announced on 1 November 2018 in Singapore. Mr Wahyudianto will also stand a chance to win a one-month residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan.

In the Emerging Artist² category, 25-year-old Mr Seno Wahyu Sampono won the 2018 UOB Most Promising Artist of the Year award for his painting titled *Instrospeksi Diri* or translated to *Self Introspection*. The mixed media painting is a collage of 288 bridge card-sized panels illustrating the artist's memories captured over time. The artwork represents the artist's own journey of contemplation arising from fear and pleasure. Through his self-reflection, the artist hopes to remind people to be better human beings.

²The Emerging Artist category was open to aspiring artists pursuing an arts education, who are taking their first steps to a career in art or who simply paint for leisure.

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Introspeksi Diri (Self Introspection), 2018

Mr Seno Wahyu Sampono

2018 UOB Most Promising Artist of the Year (Indonesia)

Mixed media (paper, marker and shoe polish) on canvas

Mr Kevin Lam, UOB Indonesia's President Director, said "We believe that art, children and education play a fundamental role in bringing a positive change to society. We are committed to opening minds and hearts by encouraging talent to adopt new ways of thinking, and to developing them to their fullest potential. Through our efforts, we hope to contribute in our own way to the progress of the community."

"For close to a decade, our flagship art programme, the UOB Painting of the Year competition, has helped to discover and to support new generations of artists from across Indonesia. It is also an avenue to connect local artists to more opportunities on the regional and international art stage. We have seen the high calibre of Indonesian art created by many talented artists, including the past winners³ of the UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year. We hope to see more talented Indonesian artists being recognised. I would like to congratulate all winners for their achievements and I hope that they will continue to pursue their passion and achieve even greater success in their artistic career."

³ Artists from Indonesia won the regional award in 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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The winning paintings from the 2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) competition will be exhibited at Hall A, National Gallery of Indonesia from 8 to 19 November 2018. The exhibition is opened for public and admission is free.

Established Artist Category

No	Artists	Artwork	Winning Title	Prize (IDR)
1.	Suvi Wahyudianto	Angst	2018 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia)	250 million
2.	Ajeng Martia Putri	Universe Under Our Skin	Gold Winner	100 million
3.	Hudi alfachuri	Urban Solitary	Silver Winner	80 million
4.	Lenny Ratnasari Weichert	<i>Yang Ibu Ajarkan</i> (What Mother Taught)	Bronze Winner	50 million

Emerging Artist Category

No	Artists	Title	Winning Title	Prize (IDR)
1.	Seno Wahyu Sampurno	<i>Introspeksi Diri</i> (Self Introspection)	2018 Most Promising Artist of the Year	30 million
2.	Danni Febriana	Shocking Beauty if Goat	Gold Winner	25 million
3.	Annisa Dermawan Kunaefi	Camouflage "Flackterns"	Silver Winner	15 million
4.	Alif Edi Irmawan	<i>Dongeng Tanah Surga</i>	Bronze Winner	10 million

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Since 2011, UOB Indonesia has been holding the annual UOB Painting of the Year competition, UOB's flagship regional art competition which started in Singapore in 1982.

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