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## News Release

### **13<sup>th</sup> UOB Painting of the Year competition in Indonesia calls for artists to showcase their talents and broaden their perspectives of art**

*UOB's flagship art competition expands to the fifth country, Vietnam, this year*

**Jakarta, 4 May 2023** – UOB Indonesia today announced the launch of the 13th UOB Painting of the Year (POY) competition. Being the Bank's annual flagship competition and one of the most prestigious in Southeast Asia, it demonstrates UOB's long-term commitment to art in the region.

As part of the UOB POY outreach programme this year, UOB Indonesia held a panel discussion titled "Indonesian artists' readiness to embrace opportunities in ASEAN" with leading art experts and established artists. The discussion aimed to encourage artists with international aspirations to broaden their horizons of the global art community and to explore different creative perspectives including urban culture, history and traditions.

During the discussion, Mr Farhan Siki, top winner of the 2022 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia), Established Artist Category, and Mrs Meliantha Muliawan, who won the same awards in 2021, shared their experience on how the competition has been instrumental in providing them with meaningful avenues to connect with opportunities in the region. Upon winning the competition, Mr Siki had his first international solo exhibition at Linda Gallery, Singapore in December 2022. Meanwhile, Mrs Muliawan underwent rigorous selection processes and met high standards of excellence to earn her residency at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan, which will commence in May 2023.

Mrs Maya Rizano, Head of Strategic Communications and Brand, UOB Indonesia, said "Indonesia has a rich and diverse artistic heritage that has the power to inspire and uplift people. At UOB Indonesia, we believe that art helps to enrich lives and to strengthen community bonds, forming a key pillar of the Bank's corporate social responsibility programme. Though the UOB POY competition, we hope to foster greater appreciation and understanding



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of the arts, while providing a platform for Indonesian artists to showcase their talent and fuel their passion for art.”



### **Programme identity design for 13<sup>th</sup> UOB Painting of the Year competition**

The programme identity design for the 2023 UOB Painting of the Year competition was inspired by the 2022 UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year winning artwork, Dystopia by Thai artist Chomrawi Suksom. The evolving sphere symbolises our world in a constant state of change and renewal, represented by different cultures and identities. This is aligned with the Bank’s long-term commitment to constantly evolve and stay relevant, and to do right by the community. In line with UOB’s Purpose to build the future of ASEAN, the flagship competition will expand its reach and launch in Vietnam this year.

### **Call for entries for the 13<sup>th</sup> UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) competition**

The competition is open to all citizens and permanent residents across Indonesia, who can submit their entries digitally at [UOBandArt.com](https://uobandart.com). Submissions are open from 4 May 2023 to 15 August 2023.

The panel of judges for the 2023 UOB POY (Indonesia) competition include:

1. **Ms Melati Suryodarmo** (Chief Judge), a performance artist with 20 years experienced with both local and international exposure;



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2. **Dr Agung Hujatnika**, Independent Curator and Lecturer at Bandung Institute of Technology; and
3. **Mr Heri Pamad**, Creative Director at Sarinah Art District Jakarta and founder of Art Jog (The biggest Indonesian contemporary art event in ASEAN) and Art Bali.

To further support aspiring artists' pursuit of art, UOB Indonesia has raised the prize money for the Emerging Artist Category from this year, with the Most Promising Artist of the Year winner receiving IDR55 million, up from previous years. More details can be found at [UOBandArt.com](http://UOBandArt.com).

The winner of the 13<sup>th</sup> UOB POY (Indonesia) award will be announced at an award ceremony on 10 October 2023, and will also compete with fellow winning artists from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam for the coveted UOB Southeast Asia Painting of the Year award. The winner of UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award will be announced on 8 November 2023 at Victoria Theatre, Singapore.

In addition, one of the five country winners will be selected to attend a one-month residency programme at the renowned Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan sponsored by UOB, providing the artist with another avenue to broaden their horizons in the international art world.

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### 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.

Over the past 41 years, the competition has cultivated and advanced the careers of many artists in Singapore. Notable among them are Mr Goh Beng Kwan (1982 winner), and the late Mr Anthony Poon (1983 winner) and Mr Chua Ek Kay (1991 winner), who received the Singapore Cultural Medallion, Singapore's most distinguished art award.

The competition has also recognised talents from across the region through the UOB Southeast Asian POY award. Previous winners include Chomrawi Suksom from Thailand in 2022, Mr Saiful Razman from Malaysia in 2021, Mr Prabu Perdana from Indonesia in 2020, Mr Anagard from Indonesia in 2019, Mr Suvi Wahyudianto from Indonesia in 2018, Mr Sukit Choosri from Thailand in 2017, Mr Gatot Indrajati from Indonesia in 2016, Mr Anggar Prasetyo from Indonesia in 2015, Mr Antonius Subiyanto from Indonesia in 2014 and Ms Stefanie Hauger from Singapore in 2013.

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 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in 2022.

### About UOB Indonesia

UOB Indonesia is a subsidiary of United Overseas Bank Limited, a leading bank in Asia with a global network of around 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. UOB Indonesia established in 1956. UOB Indonesia's service network comprises 130 branch offices and 132 ATMs across 42



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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 is also focused on helping companies with 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.

For further details on UOB Indonesia, please visit [www.uob.co.id](http://www.uob.co.id)

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