

NEWS RELEASE

“Exploitation of Fish” wins top honours at the 2015 UOB Painting of the Year Competition

Jakarta, 26 October 2015 – PT Bank UOB Indonesia (UOBI) today proudly presents Mr Anggar Prasetyo, a 42 year-old artist who has exhibited his paintings in more than 200 cities, the winning artist of 2015 UOB Painting of the Year Award. This is the top award in the Established Artist category¹ of the competition in Indonesia.

Mr Prasetyo’s winning painting titled *Exploitation of Fish*, depicts the disregard for environmental consequences of overfishing, which has vastly depleted the ocean’s reserves. By combining spray and acrylic paint to his painting, its result is an embossed design and effect on the painting’s flat canvas.

“The ocean provides vast resources of biological diversity for mankind and it is everyone’s responsibility to preserve it. We must not allow exploiting of the ocean and its ecosystem as our future generations deserve to enjoy a clean ocean and we should not leave them with a mere memory of it,” Mr Prasetyo said.

Mr Prasetyo won IDR 250 Million in the competition. He will go on to compete with three other UOB Painting of the Year competition winners from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand for the regional prize – the UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award. He also stands a chance to win a one-month residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan.

In the Emerging Artist category², Mr Dian Pramana Putra Wijaya won the Most Promising Artist of the Year Award for his artwork titled *Place of Farming*. In the same vein as the winning piece, Mr Wijaya’s painting describes how technological advancements and the influence of social media have fuelled mankind’s greed and appetite for destruction.

¹ The Established Artist category is open to experienced professionals with an established portfolio of work. They must have shown their paintings in solo or group exhibitions (excluding school graduation shows); be represented by a gallery; or have achieved recognition through art awards.

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

Mr Armand B. Arief, UOB Indonesia President Director said that UOBI is committed to supporting art because it plays a vital role in the development of a vibrant and creative society. Despite technological and societal advancements, art remains an important medium to educate the public on different issues affecting our world.

“We are proud that the UOB Painting of the Year competition will continue to encourage Indonesian artists to produce outstanding paintings that can inspire and unite the community. Indonesian talents have increasingly been recognised across the region,” said Mr Arief.

The winning entries were selected by a panel of judges comprising: Mr Agus Dermawan T, art consultant at the Palace of the President of the Republic of Indonesia; Mr Kuss Indarto, curator and chief editor at media publications such as Indonesia Art News and Harian Berita Nasional Jogja; and Mr Edwin Rahardjo, Chairman of Association of Indonesia Fine Arts Gallery (AGSI) and owner of Edwin’s Gallery.

A strong Painting of the Year Alumni

UOB Painting of the Year competition has cultivated strong alumni of Indonesian artists over the last five years. This includes Mr Gatot Indrajati, the inaugural winner in the 2011 UOB Painting of the Year competition, whose recent work *The Puppet State* has been exhibited in Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea and Shanghai; Mr Y. Indra Wahyu, the first Indonesian artist to win the prestigious UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award in 2012 and who is best known for his watercolour and sketch techniques; Mr Suroso Isur, winner of the UOB Painting of the Year competition in 2013, whose artworks have been featured in many art galleries in Indonesia; and Mr. Antonius Subiyanto, winner of the 2014 UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award who has gone on to exhibit in numerous cities in Indonesia.

The winner’s showcase

The entire finalist from Indonesia in the 2015 UOB Painting of the Year Award will be exhibited in UOB Indonesia Head Office at UOB Plaza, Jakarta from 26 October to 30 November 2015. Also at the same time, UOB Art Gallery in Singapore will exhibit the entire winning paintings of the 2015 UOB Painting of the Year competition from each country in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand)

Winners of the 2015 UOB Painting of the Year competition (Indonesia)

Award	Winner	Artwork Title	Prize Money
<i>Established Artist Category</i>			
UOB Painting of the Year Award	Mr Anggar Prasetyo	Exploitation of Fish	IDR 250 Million
Gold Award	Mr Sapto Sugiyo Utomo	"CV" of Cardboard House	IDR 100 Million
Silver Award	Mr Rocka Radipa	Good Vibration	IDR 80 Million
Bronze Award	Mr Andy Firmanto	Planting Rice in the Sky	IDR 50 Million
<i>Emerging Artist Category</i>			
Most Promising Artist of the Year Award	Mr Dian Pramana Putra Wijaya	Place of Farming	IDR 30 Million
Gold Award	Mr Laksamana Ryo	Journey of a Dreamer	IDR 25 Million
Silver Award	Mr Turi Raharjo	My Crying Elephant	IDR 15 Million
Bronze Award	Mr Tito Tryamei	Sharing Stories	IDR 10 Million

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UOB Indonesia is a subsidiary of United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB), a leading bank in Asia with global network of more than 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Western Europe and North America.

UOB Indonesia is committed to providing quality products and service, categorized into personal financial services, business banking, commercial banking, corporate banking, global markets and investment management.

The bank has a strong retail customer base through its wide range of saving products, mortgage services and credit card. UOB Indonesia banking services are accessible for its customers in Indonesia and rest of South East Asia through hundreds of UOB ATM Network in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. Customers are also able to transact using more than million of VISA ATM Network worldwide, 88,000 ATM Prima and 40,000 ATM Bersama.

UOBI has been increasingly focused on helping companies with their expansion plans. It has facilitated many enterprises from industries such as construction, mining, real estate and the services sector expanding into Indonesia. UOB Indonesia is rated AAA (idn) by Fitch Ratings.

In 2014, UOBI received various awards ranging from Indonesian Bank Loyalty Award for the category saving Account of Conventional Banking for asset below IDR 100 Trillion, Contact Centre Service Excellence Award, and Best Structured & Commodity Trade Solution of The Year from Alpha Southeast Asia Award.

UOB Indonesia plays an active role in the community, focusing on the arts, education and children. Since 2011 UOBI held an annual art competition called UOB Painting of the Year. UOB Indonesia also encourages its employees to be involved in its regular volunteer activities and these include the annual UOB Heartbeat Run, Blood Donation and Book Donation.

For further detail of UOB Indonesia, please visit www.uob.co.id

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