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## NEWS RELEASE

### **UOB Indonesia invites emerging and established artists to share their talent at the 5<sup>th</sup> UOBI Painting of the Year competition**

**Jakarta, 23 June 2015** – PT Bank UOB Indonesia (UOBI) is inviting Indonesia’s emerging and established artists to enter the UOB Painting of the Year competition<sup>1</sup>, an annual art event organised by UOBI since 2011.

Mr. Armand B. Arief, President Director, UOBI, said the Bank aims to raise awareness of Indonesian artists and help them realise their full potential through the UOB Painting of the Year competition,

“The UOB Painting of the Year competition is one of the ways for us to identify local artistic talent and to showcase Indonesian art to a wider community. In the last five years, Indonesia has produced two UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award winners, which shows that Indonesian art and artists are well-received in the region,” said Mr. Armand.

The UOB Group started its annual UOB Painting of the Year competition in Singapore in 1982 and has since extended it to Thailand in 2010, and then Malaysia and Indonesia in 2011. Over the years, the competition has helped discover and nurture emerging artists as they have taken their first steps in their career. It has also encouraged established artists to push their creative boundaries.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the UOB Painting of the Year fact sheet for competition details

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## **Creating an artists' creative exchange across Southeast Asia**

Mr Antonius Subiyanto, winner of the 2014 UOB Painting of the Year (Indonesia) competition and 2014 UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award, will participate in an art workshop in Bangkok on 27 June 2015 with fellow 2014 UOB Painting of the Year country winners from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, as well as local Thai artists. The artists will share their painting techniques with one another and create artworks together with renowned Thai artists Mr Suwit Jaipom and Mr Dinhin Rakpong-Asoke. Mr Jaipom is celebrated for his large crayon paintings and Mr Rakpong-Asoke for his portrait and illustration skills.

Mr Antonius said participating in the art workshop will give him the opportunity to share Indonesian art techniques with his peers in the region and encourage artistic dialogue.

"I am very happy to have the chance to interact with fellow Southeast Asian artists. I look forward to learning new things from them and stimulating my creative thoughts for future art pieces," said Mr Antonius.

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### **About PT Bank UOB Indonesia**

PT Bank UOB Indonesia (UOB Indonesia) is a leading bank in Indonesia, established in 1956. The bank's service network comprises 41 branch offices, 172 sub-branch offices and 173 ATMs across 54 cities in 18 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 known for its focus on small and medium enterprises. Its corporate banking business offers customers a range of treasury and cash management products and services. The bank also has a strong retail customer base. UOB Indonesia is rated AAA (idn) by Fitch Ratings.

UOB Indonesia plays an active role in the community, focusing on the arts, education and children. Since 2010 UOB Indonesia 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. This includes the annual UOB Heartbeat Run, Blood Donation and Book Donation activities.

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

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## Factsheet: 2015 UOB Painting of the Year competition

- Year of inauguration:** Annual competition in Indonesia since 2011\*  
\*Note: UOB started the UOB Painting of the Year competition in Singapore in 1982, Thailand in 2010 and Malaysia in 2011
- Competition objective:** To raise the awareness and appreciation of Southeast Asian artists and their artworks
- Age restriction:** No age restriction
- Entry fee:** Free
- Call for entries:** Artists in Indonesia who wish to take part in the competition can submit photographs for up to three of their artworks. These photographs must reach UOB Indonesia by 8 September 2015.
- Please address the envelope of photo/s to  
PT Bank UOB Indonesia  
UOB Painting of The Year Organizer  
UOB Plaza – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jl. M.H. Thamrin No. 10  
Jakarta 10230 - Indonesia
- Visit [www.uobpoy.com](http://www.uobpoy.com) to download the entry forms and for more information. Entry forms are also available at all UOB branches in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.
- Shortlisted artists in Indonesia will be notified by phone by 7 October 2015 and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Jakarta this October.
- Art medium:** Paintings in acrylic, batik, Chinese brush, collage, crayon, ink, mixed media, oil, watercolour or any other media are accepted

**Criteria for Established Artist Category:** 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

**Criteria for Emerging Artist Category:** 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

**Categories and prizes: Established Artist Category**

UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award: US\$10,000

UOB Painting of the Year Award\*: Rp250,000,000

Gold Award: Rp100,000,000

Silver Award: Rp80,000,000

Bronze Award: Rp50,000,000

\*Note: One of the four UOB Painting of the Year Award country winners from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand will be selected for a one-month residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum. The recipient will be selected through an interview process conducted by the competition judges

**Emerging Artist Category**

Most Promising Artist of the Year Award: Rp30,000,000

Gold Award: Rp25,000,000

Silver Award: Rp15,000,000

Bronze Award: Rp10,000,000

**Fukuoka Asian Art Museum residency programme:**

The residency programme enables artists and researchers across 21 countries in Asia to interact with people in Fukuoka via art exchange programmes such as open studios, workshops, performances and lectures