

UOB Indonesia invites artists to push the boundaries of their imagination at the 2022 UOB Painting of the Year Competition launch

Jakarta, 26 April 2022 – UOB Indonesia today launched the 2022 UOB Painting of the Year (POY) competition and invites established and emerging artists in Indonesia to explore and showcase their artistic talents. The annual UOB POY competition, Singapore’s longest-running and one of Southeast Asia’s most prestigious annual art awards, is UOB’s flagship visual art programme that aims to uncover and to nurture artistic talent across the region.

Maya Rizano, Head of Strategic Communications and Brand, UOB Indonesia, said, “Art plays an essential role in enriching our lives and bringing our communities together. For more than a decade, we have been supporting many Indonesian artists to develop their talent and helping them to connect to more opportunities on the local and regional art stage.”

“The UOB POY competition has enabled us to deepen our relationship with the community as we continue to encourage the enterprising spirit and creative mind of Indonesians. In the current challenging situation, we have seen how Indonesian artists have consistently pushed their creative boundaries to the regional level and I hope that they can achieve greater success in the future and continue to inspire more generations of artists.”

The panel of judges for the 2022 UOB POY (Indonesia) competition include:

1. **Dr Agung Hujatnika (Chief Judge)**, Independent Curator and Lecturer at Bandung Institute of Technology;
2. **Ms Farah Wardani**, Art Curator, and Programme Director of Jakarta Biennale 2021 and Visual Arts Committee of Jakarta Arts Council (*Dewan Kesenian Jakarta*);
3. **Ms Syagini Ratna Wulan**, Contemporary Artist, whose works are held in public collections in Singapore Art Museum, Obayashi Private Museum, Japan, and Indonesian Exchange.

Similar to previous years, submissions will be received digitally. UOB POY submissions will be open from 26 April 2022 until 31 July 2022. The competition is for citizens and permanent residents across Indonesia.

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The winners of the 2022 UOB POY (Indonesia) award will be announced at an award ceremony in 20 October 2022. The winner of the 2022 UOB POY (Indonesia) award will also compete with fellow country winners from Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand for the coveted UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year award which will be announced at the award ceremony in Singapore. The prestigious regional award will go to the artist with the most outstanding artwork.

In addition to the cash prizes, one of the four country winners will be able participate in an art residency programme at the renowned Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan to enable them to learn about art culture of the host country and various approaches to art creation.

2021 UOB POY (Indonesia) country winner selected for Fukuoka Asian Art Museum residency

Ms Meliantha Mulyawan, the country winner of the 2021 UOB POY competition in Indonesia has been selected for this year's residency in Japan, a month-long programme in the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum.

Ms Meliantha, said, "I am very honoured to be exclusively invited to the residency programme at the the renowned Fukuoka Asian Art Museum and become the first UOB POY (Indonesia) artist to join this programme. I believe that through a residency programme, I can gain valuable experience from the like-minded creative types of community and artists in Japan; and have the opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas with each other. Despite current challenges, I hope I can inspire all Indonesian artists to unleash their creativity to engender a richer public appreciation towards art."

More information and competition details can be found at www.UOBandArt.com.

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About UOB and Art

UOB started collecting art in the early 1970s to reach out and to support the fledgling art scene. Today, the UOB Art Collection has more than 2,500 artworks, made up primarily of paintings from established and emerging Southeast Asian artists.

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UOB plays an active role in communities across the region, most notably through our long-term support of visual arts. We believe that art can transcend language, culture, geography and time. This aligns with our commitment to connect and to strengthen bonds in our communities.

Over the last four decades, UOB has championed Southeast Asian art through a wide range of visual arts programmes, partnerships and outreach initiatives across Asia.

The annual UOB Painting of the Year (POY) art competition which is held in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand is the Bank's flagship visual arts programme. The competition has helped to uncover a new generation of great Southeast Asian artists and contributed to greater awareness and appreciation of art. Since 1982, the competition has helped more than 1,000 artists share their works on a larger stage. Past winners of the competition include Mr Goh Beng Kwan, the late Mr Anthony Poon and Mr Chua Ek Kay who received the Singapore Cultural Medallion, Singapore's most distinguished art award.

As the leading patron of the arts in Asia, making art accessible to a wider audience is a core part of our giving back to the community. We partner with UOB POY artists to organise art tutorials, art as therapy and art dialogues to encourage artistic exploration while also aiding mental well-being.

In recognition of the Bank's long-term commitment to visual arts, UOB was presented with the National Arts Council's Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award for the 17th time in 2021.

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