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RHB SHOWCASES OVER 80 ARTWORKS BY 66 ARTISTS AT ITS 7TH ART WITH HEART EXHIBITION

Kuala Lumpur – RHB Banking Group (“RHB”) today launched the seventh edition of Art with Heart, its flagship visual arts platform, themed *Breaking Boundaries*. Held from 11 to 17 August 2026 at Bangsar Shopping Centre, the exhibition features more than 80 artworks by 66 artists, reaffirming RHB's long-standing commitment to supporting the country's visual arts community.

Dato’ Mohd Rashid Mohamad, Group Managing Director/Group Chief Executive Officer of RHB Banking Group, said, “At RHB, we believe that progress is measured not only by economic growth, but also by how we enrich the communities we serve. Through Art with Heart, we are proud to provide a platform for Malaysian artists to showcase their talent, connect with collectors, new audiences, and the wider community, and inspire new perspectives through this year's theme, *Breaking Boundaries*. By bringing everyone together, we hope to foster greater appreciation of local art while contributing to the continued growth of Malaysia's creative ecosystem.”

Since its establishment in 2016, the RHB Art with Heart programme has grown into a recognised platform for showcasing Malaysian artistic talent. Across six previous editions, the exhibition has featured 306 artists and 772 artworks, generating more than RM1.57 million in sales with an overall sell-through rate of approximately 46%.

The programme provides participating artists with opportunities to showcase and commercialise their artworks while connecting them with collectors, patrons, and new audiences. Through this platform, RHB continues to champion local talent and foster greater appreciation of Malaysia's vibrant visual arts community.

“We are especially proud that, for the first time, 14 neurodivergent youth from the RHB #Empower programme are participating in Art with Heart. Over the course of the 12-week programme, they explored painting through guided art sessions that encouraged creative exploration, self-expression and confidence. Tonight, they showcase 28 artworks at Art with Heart, marking the RHB #Empower Programme’s inaugural participation in the exhibition. Their participation reflects the spirit of *Breaking Boundaries* by creating opportunities for individuals to express their creativity, showcase their artworks to a wider audience, while exhibiting alongside both established and emerging Malaysian artists,” added Dato’ Mohd Rashid.

Under the theme *Breaking Boundaries*, the exhibition celebrates artists who challenge conventional approaches through innovative techniques, materials, and perspectives. Together, the artworks invite audiences to experience familiar subjects in new ways while reflecting the richness and diversity of Malaysia's contemporary art scene.

By making art more accessible and fostering meaningful connections between artists, collectors, and the wider community, RHB hopes to encourage greater appreciation for Malaysian artists and their contributions to the nation's cultural fabric. The exhibition is open to the public from 11 to 17 August 2026 at Bangsar Shopping Centre. Admission is free.