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RHB's ART WITH HEART EXHIBITION PROMOTES LOCAL EMERGING TALENTS

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – The RHB Banking Group (“RHB Bank”) hosted its second edition of the Art with Heart (AWH) exhibition themed ‘*Act of Kindness*’, to showcase more than 100 artworks by new and emerging local artists at the Corporate Head Office at RHB Centre here. The exhibition kicked off with a Special Preview Night for RHB’s valued customers and business partners on 13 November, and will open its doors to the public from 14 – 24 November, 2017.

The AWH is RHB’s corporate responsibility initiative providing a platform to showcase works by new and emerging local artists. The ‘*Act of Kindness*’ theme coincides with World Kindness Day, to promote and highlight good deeds in the community.

Curated by independent curator, Tan Sei Hon, formerly from the National Art Gallery, the AWH features 28 artists from different backgrounds and styles selected for their exceptional talent. The exhibition will present a unique ensemble of works ranging from representational, abstract, contemporary and batik art to wood, bronze and steel sculptures, specially selected to reveal twists of insight and zest for life not commonly seen.

“This exclusive showcase of artistic work reflects our commitment to fuelling the local art scene and providing new and emerging talents in Malaysia with a platform to showcase their artworks. At the same time we are also advocating the role of arts in growing a more caring society, as a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of artworks will be channeled to deserving individuals, families and charitable organisations nationwide,” said Dato’ Khairussaleh Ramli, Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group.

Khairussaleh added, “We chose ‘Act of Kindness’ as our theme as we believe that arts have the potential to strengthen our capacity for kindness, empathy and concern for others, including future generations. Art with Heart is aimed at promoting kindness by connecting art and artists with art lovers, investors and philanthropists. Every piece or artwork sold here tonight, will not only benefit the artists but also the wider community”.

At the inaugural AWH exhibition in 2016, RHB sold 25 art works with a value of more than RM230,000 worth of artworks from new and emerging talents. A good percentage of the proceeds were channeled to 32 deserving families and single mothers nationwide. This year, once again, with the generosity of RHB’s partners and customers, the Group hopes to bring cheer to more deserving individuals, families and charitable organisations.

Featured are up-and-coming young talents; Cheong Tuck Wai, Chuah Seong Leng, Mark Tan, Syahrul Niza Zaini, Badruddin Shah, Agnes Lau, Jasmine Cheong, Joy Ng and Shiela Samsuri and notable and established names; Long Thien Shih, S. Amin Shahab, Calvin Chua, Ng Foo Cheong, Azman Hilmi, Hamdan Shaarani, Zainal Abidin Musa, Zaharin Mohamad, Kim Ng, Ismadi Sallehuddin, Norlisham Selamat, Alex Chung and Melbourne-based Malaysian photographer Khaw Soon Hoe. Special inclusions for this edition are

accomplished Malaysian sculptors Chin Wan Kee, Shafee Ramli, Vong Nyam Chee and Liu Cheng Hua and well-known graffiti artists Donald Abraham and Abdul Rashade.

The Art with Heart exhibition is open daily to members of the public from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, from 14 November to 24 November 2017 at RHB Centre, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.

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