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United Overseas Bank Launches The 26th Painting Of The Year Competition

20 April 2007, Singapore - United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB") is pleased to announce the launch of the 26th UOB Painting of the Year Competition and Exhibition ("POY"). POY is part of UOB's efforts to promote greater interest in local arts, as well as encourage and recognise local artists and their work. Since the inaugural Competition held 26 years ago in 1982, the Competition has grown in scope and prestige and has come to be regarded as a major art Competition and a key arts event in Singapore.

Many past winners of the Competition have gone on to attain both local and international recognition which includes Goh Beng Kwan, Thomas Yeo, Chua Ek Kay and Anthony Poon have gone on to attain greater local and international recognition. The Competition is now considered a key event in the local arts scene.

Just to put it in perspective, a record-breaking 1,380 entries from 954 artists were received for last year's Competition. This was an increase of almost 50% when compared with the number of entries submitted in 2005. In fact, all categories of the competition saw an increase in the number of entries. The overwhelming overall response affirms UOB's commitment and efforts to provide creative opportunities for our local artists to exercise the mind and explore various mediums.

UOB, once again, invites photographers and painters in Singapore to take part in this prestigious Competition. It is open to all Singapore citizens, permanent residents and foreigners who hold employment pass, work permit or student pass.

Participants of the 26th UOB POY stand to win one of the following prizes:

Prizes

UOB Painting of the Year Winner	S\$20,000 and a Trophy
Most Promising Young Artist	
• Youth Section	S\$1,500 and a Trophy
• Junior Section	S\$1,000 and a Trophy
Category Winner Awards	
• Abstract Category	S\$8,000
• Representational Category	S\$8,000
• Traditional Chinese Category	S\$8,000
• Photography Category	S\$8,000
Five Distinction Awards for each section	
• Open Section	S\$1,000 each
• Youth Section	S\$300 each
• Junior Section	S\$100 each

Entries Submission and Exhibition Details

Interested participants can now collect a copy of the registration form and rules and regulations from government schools, tertiary institutions, art institutions, art and photography organisations, all UOB branches and the Esplanade. Alternatively, [registration forms](#) and rules and regulations can also be downloaded from the UOB website at www.uobgroup.com/poy.

All entries have to be submitted at The Pavilion, 28 China Street, Far East Square, Singapore 049570 on 24 June 2007 from 1 pm to 6 pm. Winners will be notified of the results by phone by Friday, 29 June 2007.

Award-winning and highly commended entries will be on display at the 26th UOB Painting Of The Year Exhibition from 1 to 20 July 2007 at the Jendela at The Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay.

For more information, please visit UOB website at www.uobgroup.com/poy.

About UOB Painting Of The Year Competition

Please refer to [attached fact sheet](#) (PDF: 21KB).

About United Overseas Bank

UOB is a leading bank in Singapore that provides a wide range of financial services through its global network of 525 offices in 18 countries and territories in Asia-Pacific, Western Europe and North America. It has banking subsidiaries in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

UOB is focused on enhancing its leadership in the consumer market, and is today, the largest credit card-issuing bank in Singapore with a card base that has exceeded one million. The Bank also has the largest base of merchants in Singapore, both for consumer and commercial credit card acceptance. There are currently more than 20 co-brand cards in its stable, covering the retail sector, service providers and nonprofit organisations.

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