

News Release

Winner of 2021 UOB Ink Art of the Year Award calls for new ways of seeing Hong Kong

UOB holds public exhibition, workshops and panel discussions to promote greater appreciation of ink art



Coastline of Victoria Harbour by Ms Hon Ngan Ting, Rebecca wins
the 2021 UOB Ink Art of the Year Award and Gold Award, Abstract (Open Category)

Hong Kong, 10 December 2021 – UOB Hong Kong today presented the 2021 UOB Ink Art of the Year Award and Gold Award, Abstract (Open Category) to Ms Hon Ngan Ting, Rebecca for her outstanding contemporary ink artwork titled *Coastline of Victoria Harbour*.

Inspired by Hong Kong’s iconic Victoria Harbour, Ms Hon’s artwork depicts two unique yet co-existing urban elements of Hong Kong – the nostalgic sensibility and the conventional cityscape of a concrete jungle – through the dark and light shades respectively. These are created based on a concept of positive and negative space.

Without setting any specific way to view the artwork, Ms Hon encourages viewers to explore the uniqueness of Hong Kong in different ways. She said, “There is no right or wrong when viewing and interpreting an artwork. Viewers’ takeaways may vary with diverse perspectives. It is my fourth year participating in the UOB

Art in Ink Awards. My persistence came from the commitment I made to myself – to push my boundaries to keep myself improving over years. It brings me to where I am today.”

Coastline of Victoria Harbour is an artwork that combines traditional and digital media. Ms Hon began the artwork with traditional Chinese ink painting, followed by converting the hand-painted artwork into digital form to geometricise her brushwork. She completed the work by retouching it to blur the boundary of hand-painting and digitisation.

2021 Most Promising Artist of the Year Award



The Two Endings of the World by Ms Tung Oi Ching, 2021 Most Promising Artist of the Year Award and Gold Award, Landscape or Figurative (Junior Student Category)

Ms Tung Oi Ching, aged 12, won the 2021 Most Promising Artist of the Year Award with her artwork titled *Two Endings of the World*. This creative artwork depicts two different futures for Earth. It aims to raise the environmental consciousness of global citizens and to encourage them to take decisive actions in tackling climate change to save the planet.

Mrs Christine Ip, CEO – Greater China, UOB, said, “At UOB, we believe art is a kind of self-expression and also a medium to connect with one another. This year, we are delighted to see a record number of submissions across all age groups. This is a testament to the talent, resilience and relentless passion of people in pursuing greater heights in Chinese ink art. We congratulate all the winners and hope that they will continue to create remarkable ink artworks that will leave a lasting impact on the community and the Chinese culture.”

In promoting greater public appreciation of ink art, UOB Hong Kong is holding a series of activities, including an exhibition of all the winning artworks, as well as workshops and panel discussions hosted by professional ink artists and art practitioners. All activities are free of charge and require pre-registration.

Ink and Beyond - 2021 UOB Art in Ink Awards Winners' Showcase Exhibition

Date: 11 – 22 December 2021

Venue: G/F., Asia Standard Tower, 59 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

Ink Your Christmas Card Workshops

Date: 11 – 19 December 2021 (Nine sessions on various dates and times)

Venue: G/F., Asia Standard Tower, 59 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

Panel discussion: Leaping into a New Era in Ink Art

Date: 11 December 2021, Saturday

Venue: G/F., Asia Standard Tower, 59 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

Speakers: **Ms Tinny Cheng**, Founder of The Culturist and the Owner of Tai Yip Art Bookshop;
Mr Chris Cheung, new media artist;
Mr Calvin Hui, Founder and Chairman of INK NOW; and
Mr Simon Yung, ink artist

Panel discussion: How to Turn Your Art into a Career

Date: 18 December 2021, Saturday

Venue: G/F., Asia Standard Tower, 59 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

Speakers: **Mr Chan Sai Lok**, artist and art critic;
Mr Chui Pui-chee calligrapher and ink scholar; and
Ms Janet Fong, Research Assistant Professor of the Academy of Visual Arts,
Hong Kong Baptist University and curator

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Appendix: Winners of the 2021 UOB Art in Ink Awards

UOB Ink Art of the Year Award

Coastline of Victoria Harbour by Hon Ngan Ting, Rebecca

Most Promising Artist of the Year Award

The Two Endings of the World by Tung Oi Ching

Open Category (Ages 18 and above)

Abstract – Gold

Coastline of Victoria Harbour by Hon Ngan Ting, Rebecca

Abstract – Silver

The Nature Bestowed by Lee Yee Mei

Abstract – Bronze

Unbridled Pattern by Chan Chi Hang, Raymond

Landscape or Figurative – Gold

Myriads of Birds in the Thicket of Trees Overjoyed that the Rain has Stopped by Liao Qiong

Landscape or Figurative – Silver

The Guardian of Hong Kong by Hui Chiu Ki

Landscape or Figurative – Bronze

Pines on Tolo Highway by Lau Kam Hung

Senior Student Category (Ages 13 to 17)

Abstract – Gold

Lunar Shadow in Cold Wintry Night by Wong Sum Yu

Abstract – Silver

Rebuild by Choi Heng Yee

Abstract – Bronze

Mend by Wong Chun Tin, Isaac

Landscape or Figurative – Gold

Through the Night by Emma Lau

Landscape or Figurative – Silver

Dreamy Heart Forest by Huang Sin Man

Landscape or Figurative – Bronze

Symbiosis by Yim Ho Yuet, Carolyn

Junior Student Category (Ages 9 to 12)

Abstract – Gold

C H A N G E by Dorothy Au

Abstract – Silver

Build a Good Country by Ng Man Fei

Abstract – Bronze

Sea-Sun by Chau Rui Zi, Charisse

Landscape or Figurative – Gold

The Two Endings of the World by Tung Oi Ching

Landscape or Figurative – Silver

Ethereal Island by Lo Yu Ting, Dorothy

Landscape or Figurative – Bronze

Sad Meal by Leung Sze Hang

About UOB Art Academy

The UOB Art Academy was established by UOB in Hong Kong in 2015 to make art more accessible, nurture artistic talent and rejuvenating cultural heritage. It embraces the three focus areas of UOB Group's corporate social responsibility: art, children and education.

As the Lead Partner of Art Central, UOB organises the annual UOB Art in Ink Awards and a series of art workshops to engage the general public, especially the children from less privileged backgrounds or with special needs in the local community. For details, please visit www.UOBArtAcademy.com.hk.

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