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**ART MOMENTS JAKARTA 2020 RETURNS BY PRESENTING THE BEST ARTWORKS  
AND ENGAGING PROGRAMS**

**Jakarta, 11 February 2020** – The organizers of Art Moments Jakarta announced its second art fair today. Art Moments Jakarta will return to Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel, from 17 to 19 April 2020. Encompassing the theme ‘Yesterday Since Tomorrow,’ this leading Indonesian art exhibition will showcase the best-curated artworks and engaging programs that can be enjoyed by all audiences.

Art Moments Jakarta is Indonesia’s leading contemporary art fair which aims to foster the growth of art in Indonesia, making Jakarta a worthy international art destination. The art fair aims to bridge gallery owners, art connoisseurs and art buyers in a dynamic platform that heighten their reach to the international market. In 2019, Art Moments Jakarta exhibited a comprehensive collection works by renowned artists, including: Banksy, L’atlas, Kongo, Stereoflow, Darbotz, MR and other international caliber artists. This strengthens the position of Art Moments Jakarta as one of the biggest art exhibition in Southeast Asia that has successfully showcased world-famous street-art.

Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel is an ideal location for a large-scale art fair with like Art Moments Jakarta. One of the benefits is the strategic location of the hotel in the heart of South Jakarta, which has direct access to Gandaria City shopping mall with a traffic of 100,000 visitors daily. The shopping center also publicly showcases a series of museum-level art pieces including works by internationally known artists such as Yayoi Kusama, Kaws Jean Michel Othoniel, Handiwirman Saputra and Ahmad Sadali.

Leo Silitonga, Founder and Fair Director Art Moments Jakarta says, “This year’s theme, ‘Yesterday Since Tomorrow’ signifies a deeper meaning. This art exhibition is a co-existence of the young, the emerging, and the established, the traditional and the contemporary, and of art and craft, all mingling on a unified platform in a dynamic landscape. Yesterday Since Tomorrow is TODAY, Yesterday Since Tomorrow, is US.”

## **ART MOMENTS JAKARTA 2020, BIGGER, UNIQUE AND EXCITING**

Art Moments Jakarta 2020 returns on bigger scale, showcasing 50 local and international galleries in a larger exhibition area and targeting 10,000 visitors. One of major the galleries that is participating is Whitestone Gallery - resent in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Taipei, the gallery features the works of Japanese artists, including Yayoi Kusama, Yoshitomo Nara and The Gutai Art Group which is currently one of the influential art groups in Japan plus other contemporary artists from Japan. In addition, the event will also exhibit artworks curated by the Singapore-based, Art Agenda S.E.A, an undertaking to art that gives consulting and curatorial services, with expertise in Asian art of the modern and post-war eras from the 1930s to the 1980s.

Aureo Gallery from Kuala Lumpur will showcase the results of work of art that is both unique and innovative which stirs the imagination of the soul. This year they will display their main artist, Kim Il Tae, a Korean artist who pioneered a distinct method to paint with 24k gold and oil on canvas. Kim is the only gold painting artist in the world today whose works are collected by Prince Michael of Kent from British Royal Family, Psy, a Korean celebrity and other big names.

One of the galleries from Indonesia, Lawangwangi Creative Gallery from Bandung, West Java will showcase artworks by local talents. Within the spaces of Lawangwangi Art Gallery, ArtSociates will curate abstract art pieces from Indonesian modern art maestro, Gregorius Sidharta who will showcase alongside emerging young artists who are actively taking part in contemporary art creations, their names include: Mujahidin Nurahman, Erwin Windu Pranata, Gabriel Aries Setiadi, dan Rendi Raka Pramodya.

In this opportunity, the theme 'Poetical Vector' is appointed to describe the developments and dynamics of the abstract art in Indonesia in present modern day, which shows different kinds of value and sublime poetic meaning.

Mazhab Bandung is a periodic phenomenon that is often considered to have an abstract pattern that is peculiar and particular. Using the concepts of Modernism, this artistic style has evolved over time since the 1950s with the context of social community and the environment of fine arts in Bandung. In Art Moments Jakarta 2020, ArtSociates and Lawangwangi will focus to introduce and educate the public about "Mazhab Bandung" through the artworks that will be displayed.

One of the Indonesian artists who has risen to the spotlight recently is Mochtar Sarman, who is famous for the combined concepts of traditional and futuristic art. This time Sarman introduces a series of his latest work titled “Victory”, the painting depicts charismatic leaders who became heroes or legends, consisting of the famous Napoleon Bonaparte, Lee Kwan Yu, Sultan Mehmed, Musashi and Alexander The Great that inspire generations for their leadership. Sarman uses the technique of industrial pop-style painting. This series of paintings, “Victory” requires visitors to view through 3D glasses that reflects the creative characteristic of the creator.

## **ENTICING PROGRAMS AT ART MOMENTS JAKARTA 2020**

This year, Art Moments Jakarta appointed Khai Hori as Artistic Director. Khai is an internationally renowned curator with a depth of experience, he was Deputy Director of Artistic Programming at Palais de Tokyo, Paris, the Senior Curator at Singapore Art Museum and worked at the Curatorial department of the National Heritage Board, Singapore.

“The programs that we have created are not only about art, but also about hot button themes that have headlined the world in recent times with matters such as those affecting the equality and distribution of wealth, gender differences, cultural capital and sustainability and environmental change and responsibility. These will be packaged in engaging programs.” The programs include:

### **1. Intimate Moments**

Taking place in the private confines of rooms at the Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel will be selected performances and exchanges with artists and craft makers invited by fair directors Leo Silitonga, Sendy Widjaja and Artistic Director Khai Hori. This program gives opportunity for visitors to friendly interact and have discussions with their favorite artists.

### **2. Converse Moments**

In the local spirit of ‘nongkrong’ or ‘hanging out’, Converse Moments will invite artists, curators, film makers, craft professionals to show their works in an informal and two-way, talk-back format. As an example, participants could expect cozy film-screening sessions with the presence of film and documentary makers, or try their hands in mini craft workshops while in dialogue with workshop leaders.

### **3. Prized Moments**

Jury members will pick the works of 5 young artists below the age of 30 presented by participating galleries to highlight and award “Ribbons of

Excellence.” This is to encourage the presentation of quality art and a peek into the future players of contemporary art in the art market.

#### **4. Maker Moments**

Visitors can discover new skills through a series of workshops by field experts. Learn from the best with demonstrations in the conservation of paintings by professional conservator Monica Gunawan of Art Restauro Laboratory (AR Lab, Jakarta) and the customization of sneakers by artists of Jakarta Sneaker Day through witnessing experts at work on the grounds of Art Moments Jakarta 2020.

#### **COLLABORATION WITH JAKARTA SNEAKERS DAY**

Art Moments Jakarta 2020 collaborates with Jakarta Sneakers Day which will be held at an upcoming event on the 26 -29 March 2020. Recognizing the importance of instilling the value of art to the younger crowd, the millenials, which make up 40% of the total population of Indonesia. With the presence of Art Moments Jakarta 2020, aiding the younger growing market in learning and appreciating the diverse artworks displayed.

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#### **About Art Moments Jakarta**

*Art Moments Jakarta* is a premium art fair owned by Indonesian art collectors, and is managed by a team of experienced art fair organizers in Jakarta and Singapore. The event is a platform for local and international art galleries to network, educate, exhibit and engage.

#### **Art Moments Jakarta 2020, Fair Hours**

VIP Preview: Friday, April 17, 2019, 11 AM to 1.30 PM

Vernissage: Friday, April 17, 2019, 2 PM to 9 PM

Saturday, April 18, 2019, 11 AM to 9 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2019, 10 AM to 9 PM

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