Working Title Not Working

An art exhibition along Butterfly Hill Trail, Pulau Ubin, Singapore
25 Jul 2015 – 8 Aug 2015

Working Title Not Working is an outdoor art exhibition held on Pulau Ubin from 25 Jul 2015, Saturday, 11 a.m., to 8 Aug 2015, presenting 18 artists and their sculptural and installation works. The opening reception will be held at The Blue House, 36 # 1 Pulau Ubin, on 25 July 2015, Saturday at 2 p.m..

The exhibition showcases art that reflects upon relationships between nature and its inhabitants, including the artists and their audiences. The artists were encouraged to produce environmentally friendly works with existing materials available on the island that will decay and "return to nature". The works will be installed along the Butterfly Hill Trail, one of the most accessible nature park trails on Pulau Ubin.

Defined by its unique location, this exhibition invites audiences to consider the history and significance of Pulau Ubin. Artists Jacqueline Sim and Nurhuda Rafie participated in the Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency through an open call organised by The Artist Village, and thereafter they initiated another open call for others to consider Pulau Ubin as both a stimulus for creating art and an exhibition site. The idea is for audiences to view artworks about the island whilst they experience being on the very island that inspired the works.

Sim explains, "Ubin is a very special place. Its rustic beauty, with kampung living and no access to public utilities, starkly contrasts with the urbanised Singapore mainland and invites contemplation. Moreover, its little known history is fascinating. For example, it was rather populous in the granite mining days until its residents were relocated after Singapore independence. In recent years, there were discussions about developing a theme park and modernising park facilities. Ubin seems to be standing at the crossroads of modernism, where no one is certain of the future that lies ahead." These sentiments are transposed to the exhibition title, *Working Title Not Working*, which is deliberately uncomfortable as it seems to have no meaning, and yet it possesses the ability to raise questions and provoke conversation.

Inevitably, issues relating to modernisation and change are incorporated to many of the artists' works as well. The exhibition is brought together with an "Adventure Park" theme, providing a reminder to audiences to discover and explore their surroundings and reality, as well as making a reference to past development plans for the island.

Participating artists come from an eclectic mix of backgrounds, ranging from visual arts to literary and psychology. They are: Azam Ismail, Chong Ying Ying, Harng Foong, Jacqueline Sim, Karen Mitchell, Kenneth Lee, Lee Ju-Lyn, Lina Adam, Michelle Lim, Huda Rafie, Pepper&Eddie&Dyn, Pang, Ryf Zaini, Siu Kar Luen, Tong Shi Hui, and Zen Teh. *Working Title Not Working* is curated by Jacqueline Sim.

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The exhibition runs from 25 Jul 2015 – 8 Aug 2015.
Every day, the first boat to the island leaves Changi Jetty at 6 a.m. and the last boat departs Ubin island at 7 p.m.
The boat ride costs $2.50 per person per way, but access to the exhibition is otherwise free of charge and open to public.