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***HELLO FUTURE: LET'S GO HAND IN HAND* EXHIBITION
SHOWCASES ART BY PRESCHOOLERS TO INSPIRE AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY**



Students from various preschools creating their artworks as part of *Hello Future: Let's Go Hand in Hand*.
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Singapore, 25 August 2023 – From 26 August to 16 September, see the world in a new light and discover a wonderful and whimsical future as imagined by preschool children with ***Hello Future: Let's Go Hand in Hand***. Presented by Singapore Art Museum (SAM) in partnership with six preschools in Singapore as part of their signature *Think! Contemporary* programme, the exhibition at HarbourFront Centre is a joyous celebration of young artists' youthful creativity and boundless imagination while fostering empathy and cultivating inclusivity within the community.

SAM continues to engage in active collaboration and dialogue with partners and various communities to uplift society through art to inspire imaginings of a better future. This includes collaborating with schools for the *Think! Contemporary* programme to advocate learning through art by integrating contemporary art into school curricula.

In this edition, the SAM Touch Collection was introduced to preschool children between the ages of four to six, featuring a series of tactile adaptations of artworks in SAM's collection specially created for persons with disabilities. As part of their class projects, the programme invited children to go beyond sight and conventional ways of perceiving art to explore new dimensions of artistic experience through their other senses. Drawing inspiration from their daily lives and vivid imagination, 15 artworks were then developed by close to 300 preschool children from six preschools – Arts Kidz International, MOE Kindergarten @ Temasek, Nobleland Arts N Learning Place @ Bishan, Nobleland Arts N Learning Place @ Clementi, Nobleland Arts N Learning Place @ Punggol and Nobleland Arts N Learning Place @ Waterway.

“SAM is committed to supporting enriching first encounters with art while educating children about current societal issues through our signature programme *Think! Contemporary*. In developing *Hello Future: Let's Go Hand in Hand*, we have witnessed these young children better understand the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and immerse themselves in the world of contemporary art to skilfully translate their hopes and dreams for a more inclusive society. Through this exhibition, we hope to instil in the younger generation a collective vision of an inclusive future for Singapore.” said Pauline Cheong, Assistant Director of Learning at SAM.

Over more than eight weeks in the programme, the children and their teachers discussed and refined their artistic concepts to create sensory artworks through everyday materials such as faux fur, beans and sand. To let the children experience artworks through alternate senses, adaptations of artworks including ***An Other Space Within the House II Scenes I & II*** by Tang Ling Nah, ***Raising Spirits and Restoring Souls*** by Zulkifle Mahmod, ***East and West*** by Justin Lee, ***just a tiny part of you is all I need*** by Ezzam Rahman, as well as ***Utama's Kitty*** by David Chan were brought to the preschools for the children to experience the works in person.

Alongside the presenting artworks, the exhibition space will also periodically feature works from SAM's Touch Collection and a colouring wall featuring three illustrations by Deaf illustrator Issac Liang. The public can contribute to its design and take part in colouring activities throughout the exhibition period. *Hello Future: Let's Go Hand in Hand* will run from 26 August to 16 September 2023 at HarbourFront Centre. Admission is free for all visitors throughout the exhibition period. For more information, please visit [SAM's website](#). Media assets can be accessed via <https://bit.ly/ThinkContemporaryPreschool2023>.

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About the Singapore Art Museum

Singapore Art Museum opened in 1996 as the first art museum in Singapore located in the cultural district of Singapore. Known as SAM, the museum presents contemporary art from a Southeast Asian perspective for artists, art lovers and the art curious in multiple venues across the island, including a new venue in the historic port area of Tanjong Pagar.

The museum is building one of the world's most important public collections of Southeast Asian contemporary art, with the aim of connecting the art and the artists to the public and future generations through exhibitions and programmes. SAM is working towards a humane and sustainable future by committing to responsible practices within its processes.

To find out more, visit www.singaporeartmuseum.sg