

Crossing the lines of creativity

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SINCE retirement, former politician Datuk Dr Kang Chin Seng has found Chinese calligraphy a good platform for expression.

He sees each brush stroke and each character as a reflection of his thoughts and emotions at the particular moment of creation.

"I look at a character, understand its meaning and truly feel it. Then I constructed it in the way I want," he revealed during the opening of his 3rd solo exhibition.

Ongoing at the Penang State Art Gallery's 3rd floor space in Dewan Sri Pinang until Feb 6, the exhibition features some 70 pieces done in the past two years.

The show's title 'Crossing' refers to how featured works blur the

boundaries between the traditional and modern, as well as the east and west.

"My intention is to appeal to both the elitists of fine art and the man on the street.

"As Malaysians, we are also citizens of the world and I don't want to limit myself to just the Chinese audience.

"My audience is everybody — people of different races and cultural backgrounds," the artist reasoned.

Dr Kang is a former state executive councillor for Human Resource, Science and Technology and SMI (Small and Medium Industries) Development.

An accomplished physicist, the former Gerakan politician also founded the Penang Human Resource Development Council and



Dr Kang (left) briefing guests about his art pieces featured in his 'Crossing' solo exhibition at Penang State Art Gallery. — Photo: LIM BENG TATT/The Star

chaired it from 1992 to 1999.

Calligraphy became his serious pastime following retirement and he has over the years donated millions of ringgit worth of his art to charitable causes.

Dr Kang was also a good calligrapher during his schooling years, winning many prizes at primary

and secondary level.

"Most of it I learnt by studying ancient texts. I was self-taught.

"Calligraphy caught my eye as it is very expressive," said Dr Kang, who is also a capable watercolourist.

Also present at the launch were Penang State Art Gallery

chairman Lee Khai and Hunza Group founder-cum-executive advisor Datuk Seri Khor Teng Tong.

Dr Kang's 'Crossing' exhibition continues until Feb 6.

Viewing hours are 9am to 5pm daily except for Fridays and public holidays. Entrance is free.

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Every drop counts from now on

Penang is first state to require water-saving devices

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IT'S now mandatory in Penang for developers to install water-saving devices (WSD) in all new development projects here.

Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said Penang is the first state in the country to implement such a regulation.

"The mandatory installation of WSDs reflects Penang's firm commitment of this policy for the benefit of the people and all businesses here," he told a press conference in Komtar.

Jaseni said the State Executive

Council approved the proposal for the mandatory installation of WSDs on Nov 28, last year.

"The next step is the necessary legal process for amendment and gazette in order for the Penang Island City Council and the Seberang Prai Municipal Council to enforce the new regulations."

Jaseni said the PBAPP had installed various types of WSDs in its buildings since 2012.

"It can effectively reduce water consumption by between 14% and 87%.

"Countries such as Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the USA actively promote the WSDs," he added.

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Performing arts class in Perak

THE Perak Cultural and Arts Department has theatre classes for children every Saturday from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and for adults every Friday from 9pm to 11pm. Classes in basic dance and music are on every Saturday from 9am

to noon. All classes are held at the department's complex in Jalan Caldwell, Ipoh, and are free for Malaysians aged five and above. For details, visit the department's Facebook page or call 05-253 7001 or 013-280 2884 (Rafi).