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UOB presents *Journeys Revisited*, a retrospective solo exhibition by illustrious local artist Goh Beng Kwan

04 July 2005, Singapore - *Journeys Revisited*, a retrospective solo exhibition of the works of local artist, Goh Beng Kwan, was officially opened today, at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Gallery. Sponsored by United Overseas Bank (UOB), the exhibition features 37 of Goh Beng Kwan's art pieces, tracing his career over the past five decades.

The exhibition promises to be a mesmerising showcase of his works. Inspired by his extensive travels and his appreciation of nature and the environment, Goh Beng Kwan's art evokes a sense of time, and of encounters and experiences.

Goh's artistic practice began in the mid-1950s when he studied art under the tutelage of Pioneer Artists Chen Wen Hsi and Cheong Soo Pieng. Since then, his many achievements have gained him numerous prestigious awards including the Cultural Medallion award in 1989, and the Salon des Artistes Francais Silver Medal in 1985. Notably, he was also the winner of the inaugural UOB Painting of the Year Competition in 1982.

UOB's Deputy Chairman, Mr Wee Ee Cheong said, "We are pleased to present this exceptional exhibition that marks Goh Beng Kwan's five decades of dedication to the arts. As the winner of the first UOB Painting of the Year Competition in 1982, he has gone on to attain local and international recognition for his work and UOB is proud to have been a part of his illustrious career.

UOB has been supporting and promoting the local arts scene for the past 30 years and this exhibition is one of our major efforts in bringing the arts closer to the people."

"This exhibition is one of the most prestigious shows I have done. The work shown covers more than 50 years of my painting career, and the journey will continue after this exhibition", said Goh Beng Kwan.

The exhibition reflects UOB's strong and continued support for the arts, and is part of the Bank's efforts to promote greater interest in local art, as well as encourage and recognise artists and their work.

UOB also organises the annual Painting Of The Year Competition and Exhibition, which has grown in scope and prestige since its inception in 1982. The Competition has come to be regarded as a premier arts event in Singapore, attracting many entries of high standards.

Journeys Revisited is open to public at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Gallery 2, from 5 to 15 July 2005. The exhibition is open from 10am - 8pm daily.

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