

# ART TAIPEI 2015

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## Press Release

### ART TAIPEI 2015 Sales Highlights on VIP Preview and The First Public Day

Taipei, 31 October 2015 -- ART TAIPEI's VIP preview and the first Public Day attracted important collectors, museum directors, art critics and curators. The VIP Preview has resulted in large day's end sales figures including the following highlights: **Zao Wou-ki's '30-7-64'** was sold by Lin & Lin Gallery; **'Mist Mountain-Hualien'** by **Yeh Tzu Chi** was sold by InArt Space at TWD 14 million (USD 431,500); **Hsi Shih-Pin's 'Buck of Freedom'** by Soka Art Center was sold; and Tina Keng Gallery has sold out 90% of the works by father and daughter artists, **Peng Xiancheng** and **Peng Wei**.

Works by the Taiwanese emerging artists also received strong feedback. Sales reported from the 'Made In Taiwan' section including **Zhang Xu Zhan's** puppet animation video works, a technique inherited from his family business – Chinese funeral paper offerings, 90% of the works were sold. **'Hsin shin paper home series 001/Zhang Xuzhan's stomach (room)'** and **'Hsin shin paper home series 003/Inferiority Bat'** are the most popular among collectors from Taiwan, Thailand and Japan; and **Huang Po Hsun's** surreal abstract works was also sold.

Liang Gallery, which has long been promoting Taiwanese modern and contemporary arts, also reported strong sales. On the first Public Day, **Fu Hau-Shiuan's 'Unborn Generation'** and **Chen I-Chun's** video work **'Shui Yuan Lin Legend-Fourth Episode'** were collected by the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts. Other strong sales includes: Fine Art Center sold half of their Southeast Asian artist **Ronald Ventur's** work, mainly to collectors from Singapore and Malaysia. Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia art are the focus of the fair this year; **Koso Sato's** painting **'Park'** was sold at over TWD 1 million (USD 30,800) to a Taiwanese collector, presented by Sunyart Museum. Der-Horng Art Gallery sold 4 pieces of **Eikoh Hosoe's** photography works, buyers were from Taiwan and Mainland China. First time exhibitor, Helios Gallery's artist **Hung Tien Yu's** work received lots of interests from collectors. His work **'Melancholy Crown'** inspired by Jingmei Xianji Rock, will be exhibited at the Normandy Garden in Paris next year. The bronze sculptures by German artist **Fredo M. Fraile**, presented by Yesart Air Gallery and French artist **Valérie Goutard**, presented by Philippe Staib Gallery, are popular in the fair. The total sales of the fair reached TWD 30 million (USD 9.25 million) as of yesterday.

### Highlights: Taiwan and International Contemporary Arts and Contemporary Photographic Works

ART TAIPEI 2015 presents a number of top international contemporary galleries: Galleria Continua presents the mirror works by renowned Italian artist **Michelangelo Pistoletto**, alongside Chinese artist **Qiu Zhijie's** work **'The Conqueror'**; Galerie Urs Meile brings the photographic works by Los Angeles- and Beijing-based emerging artist **Yan Xing**, and young artist **Li Gang's** oil on canvas works. In addition, JART GALLERY AND ATELIER from Moscow is the first gallery from Russia exhibited in Art Taipei ever. The gallery's highlights including works by Russian artist **Zorikto Dorzhiev**, whose works were exhibited

at the state banquet held by Russian President Putin recently. Japanese gallery Sakurado Fine Arts premiered **Yayoi Kusama's 'Ashtray'** in Taiwan; Der-Hornig Art Gallery brings **Yoshitomo Nara's 'Fucking No.1'**; Mizuma Art Gallery presents **'Four Horses'** by **Yoshitaka Amano**. The 88-year old Japanese gallery Galerie Nichido recently opened a new space in Taiwan as their first space outside Japan, brought works by Yoshitake Ukai, together with other important Japanese contemporary works. The presentation of Nou Gallery includes a dual exhibition of works by contemporary masters **Tony Cragg** and **Wim Delvoye**. 60% of the works at the booth were sold and **'Nautilus'** by Delvoye was sold to a Western private collector.

Local galleries present a number of renowned Taiwanese contemporary artists. Former Director of National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts **Leigh L. Wen's** work **'A Touch of Autumn'** presented by MingshanArt was sold to a Taiwanese collector at over TWD 1 million (USD 30,800) and Chinese painter **Hsiao Chin's** work **'Concordia-3'** was also sold to a Mainland Chinese collector at over TWD 2 million (USD 61,600). **Huo Gang's** work **No.63** at Chini Gallery also attracted much attention. Moon Gallery showcases **Tsong Pu's** easel painting **'The Order of Things'**. Tsong is renowned for creating works with stamps by a 'one centimeter square stamp' onto the canvas. The work allows the viewers to have a glimpse of his recent artistic development; Lin & Lin Gallery presents the works by **Lu Hsien-Ming**, a member of the Taiwanese artists group 'Hantoo Art Group', depicting the life of the working class through a realistic approach, demonstrating his concern on humanity. Taiwanese avant-garde artist **Dean-E Mei's 'Green Rain'** is on view at Star Gallery.

Mainland Chinese galleries have strong presentations at ART TAIPEI 2015: ShanghART Gallery shows the works by a group of international renowned Chinese artists, including the large-scale painting **'The Plastic Pipes'** by **Zhang Enli**; Beijing Commune showcases the works from the **Abstract Painting** series by **Yang Xinguang**, and iconic work **'Color Drill No.7'** by **Xie Molin**. AIKE-DELLARCO Gallery in the Future section brought young Chinese artist **Wang Yi's 'Overlapping 2015-15'**, an abstract work with layers of colour paint on aluminium. Phoenix Art Space from Beijing brought **Lu Yuanzheng's** marble sculpture **'The Past Is Coming'** and Linda Gallery brought important Chinese artist **Jiang Su's** bronze sculpture **'Guards – Zodiac Figures'**.

The interest on photography works has been rising steadily in the past few years. At ART TAIPEI, a range of galleries brought important contemporary photography works, including **Eikoh Hosoe's 'Rose #32'** and **Nobuyoshi Araki's 'Kinbaku'** series showcased by YOD Gallery; Taiwanese artist **Yao Jui-Chung's 'Gods & Idols Surround the Border – Wonder in Guanxi, Hsinchu'** from the Roaming Around the Ruins series created in 1998 at Tina Keng Gallery; as well as masterpiece **'Presence of Venus'** by Taiwanese leading photography artist **Ko-Si Chi** created in 1979 at Adler Subhashok Gallery from Thailand.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### Dates

Public Opening  
Friday, 30th October 3 – Monday, 2nd November

##### Opening Hours

11 am – 7 pm (Till 6 pm on Monday, 2nd November)

Venue

Exhibition Hall One, Taipei World Trade Center, NO.5, Hsin-Yi Rd., Sec 5, Taipei  
City 11011, Taiwan

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