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Artists' works reflect meaning of Merdeka

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - There are many ways to express the meaning of "Merdeka" as proven by 107 artists whose works are displayed at a National Day exhibition.

"My painting is a portrait of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. It took me about a month to complete," said Johari Alias of his "Portrait of a Warrior"(Wajah Seorang Pejuang).

Maamor Jantan of Galeri Anggerik at the Kuala Lumpur Craft Complex produced an oil painting entitled "The Melody of Malaysia" (Irama Malaysia). "To me, the beauty of our country is like a lovely song," he said after the opening of the exhibition by Dr Mahathir.

"We are glad with this opportunity to take part," said Kuala Lumpur College of Art graduate Jack Ting and fellow artist Ng Foo Cheong.

The exhibition will run from today until Sept 5 at Balai Seni Maybank. Admission is free.