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SINGLE EXHIBITION: ATMA KIRANA CELEBRATING THE ESSENCE OF RUKUNEGARA AND MALAYSIA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

KUALA LUMPUR - The National Art Gallery, through the "Single Exhibition," proudly presents the artwork titled '**ATMA KIRANA**' by Abdul Shakir, better known as Grasshopper, starting from August 8, 2023, in the lobby space of the National Art Gallery building. Grasshopper is a renowned multimedia artist in Malaysia, often creating digital and interactive art.

'ATMA KIRANA' is a profound artistic exploration that emphasizes the pillars of the nation as its main subject. 'Atma Kirana' translates to "*jiwa yang indah*" in Malay and ancient Sanskrit. It is a collection of digital visual pieces presented through five variations based on the principles of the national pillars: belief, loyalty, dignity, justice, and kindness.

This work utilizes mesmerizing animation through form and light, showcased via an installation choreography of 100 suspended LED panels. These panels are arranged meticulously to allow viewers to experience the art from different angles and perspectives.

Moreover, to demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability, the LED panels used in this exhibition have been repurposed from advertising billboards around the city.

'ATMA KIRANA' by Grasshopper is supported by Yayasan TM (YTM) through the Digital Tech Incubator Programme (DTI). The exhibition is also sponsored by Helio Media, Pixel World Converse Malaysia, and Converse Malaysia. Additionally, various

supporting programs, such as artist talks and workshops, will be conducted to celebrate this exhibition.

Therefore, the National Art Gallery invites the public to visit and experience the showcased artwork, aligning with the upcoming celebrations of Independence Day and Malaysia Day. This provides an opportunity to internalize and apply the values and principles of the national pillars in daily life.

The exhibition is open to the public until October 31, 2023, and admission is free. For further information, please visit the official social media platforms of the National Art Gallery or browse the website www.artgallery.gov.my.

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