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Artist Statement

Lee Mok Yee (b. 1988, Klang, Malaysia) is a visual artist based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Working across sculpture, installation, video, and performance, his practice investigates material culture through ordinary materials and their connections to ritual, labor, and place. Beginning with found and mass-produced objects, he recontextualizes familiar objects to uncover the social, cultural, and historical narratives they embody. Drawing from the material cultures of Chinese communities across Southeast Asia, his work reflects on how materials mediate relationships between people, place, and cultural values.

Mok Yee graduated from Dasein Academy of Art, Kuala Lumpur, and received a BA (Hons) in Fine Art from Middlesex University, London. He was awarded the Gold Prize at the UOB Painting of the Year (Malaysia) in 2021 and has participated in artist residencies in France and the United Kingdom. His work has been exhibited internationally across Southeast Asia and Europe. Collaboration forms an integral part of his practice, and he regularly works with artists, performers, architects, and local communities to develop interdisciplinary projects through research, dialogue, and shared making.

Education

Middlesex University – London **July 2014**
First Class Honor, BA Fine Art

Dasein Academy or Art – Kuala Lumpur **July 2010**
Diploma in Fine Art

Solo Project/ Exhibition

2023 ***One Zero***, Temu House, Kuala Lumpur

The Pyramid Series, Rissim Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2022 ***Une Esquisse Céleste****,* Galerie Huit Arles, France

2021 ***A Rhetorical Garden****, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur*

2019 ***Superstition II*** *(In Conjunction with GTF 2019),* George Town, Pulau Pinang

2013 ***Superstition***, Studio at Straits, Pulau Penang

2012 ***Scepticism is a Virtue****, Artseni Gallery, Kuala Lumpur*

Group Exhibitions

2026

CIMB Artober 2026, Ombak KLCC, Kuala Lumpur (with Wei Ling Gallery)

ART KL, A Place Where(APW) Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur

Pontianak Biennale, Port 99, Pontianak, Indonesia

(curated by Amanda Ariawan, Rifandi Septiawan Nugroho)

Immersio 2026 New Media Art Festival, organised by Filamen, GMBB, Kuala Lumpur

(curated by Koh Kai Ting)

WLG Salon x The Dia Space group exhibition, Dia Space, Kuala Lumpur

Beyond IV 6th Anniversary Show, Artas Galeri, Kuala Lumpur

2025

Crossing the Third Bridge, group exhibition, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur (Curated by Mikhail Vanan)

Artist Project Showcase, Gerald Moore Gallery, London, UK

2024

Folded Lines**,** UK-Malaysian Artist group exhibition, the Back Room KL, Kuala Lumpur

I AM A PRAYER, dual exhibition with Ryan Naga, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2023

Mystique Song‘神秘之歌‘group exhibition, Eslite Bookstore Malaysia

1000 Tiny Artworks Group Exhibition, the Back Room KL, Kuala Lumpur

Indonesia Contemporary Art & Design (ICAD)*,* Jakarta, Indonesia (Curated by Amanda Ariawan and Prananda L. Malasan)

***Realpolitik*,** group exhibition, Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Aluminati, group exhibition, Dasein Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2022

Rudiments by Lee Mok Yee & Mark Tan, Temu House, Kuala Lumpur

Mise En Place, duo show with Diana Hajji, Arles, France

Labour & Weight: A Travelling Exhibition*, Multimedia University (MMU), Cyberjaya* 2021

2021

Material Matters, Sunny Bank Mills, Leeds, UK (Curated by Alice Chandler)

Labour & Weight: A Travelling Exhibition*, Rumah Hai Kao,* Batu Pahat

Labour & Weight: A Travelling Exhibition*, Hokkien Association, Pulau Pangkor*

2020

The Echo Boomers, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur

Warganegara, Segaris Art Center, Kuala Lumpur

***Embodiment*,** Group Exhibition, Taksu Galleries, Singapore

2019

Locals Only, Taksu Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Bakat Muda Sezaman 2019 (Young Contemporaries 2019), National Visual Arts Gallery, KL

***Catalyst*,** HOM Art Trans, Kuala Lumpur

Pangkor Island Festival 2019, Pulau Pangkor

SHIFT, White Box Publika, Kuala Lumpur

Reinterpreting Minimalism, Segaris art center, Kuala Lumpur

2018

The Horizon is Just an Illusion: New Thoughts on Landscape*,* Our Art Projects, Kuala Lumpur

Echoes of Possibilities, Core Design Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2017

***Barat East*,** Chandan Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

This is Where We Meet, duo show with Liew Kwai Fei, Our Art Projects, Kuala Lumpur

2016

Young Malaysian Artists: New Object(ion) III Exhibition, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

LOOK TO SEE, Shalini Ganendra Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur

2015

Young and Blooming, China House, Pulau Pinang

Presence**,** Gallery@Starhill, Kuala Lumpur

March Show, G13 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

BioDATA, Artseni Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia-Korea Asia Art Awards Invitation Exchange Exhibition 2015*,* OACA, Kuala Lumpur

2014

STATE, Middlesex University, London

PAUSE**,** Beaconsfield Contemporary Art, London

2013

Snake year Art Exhibition, OACA, Kuala Lumpur

Nordart International Art Exhibition, Rendsburg, Germany

TIGA, Three young contemporary artist exhibition, Gehriq Gallery, Pulau Pinang

2012

Asia Invitation Art Exhibition, The Seoul Museum of Art, Korea

Nordart International Art Exhibition, Rendsburg, Germany

2010

Breakthrough Exhibition, The Gallery @ Starhill, KL PAC and Dasein Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

NKOTB, Threesixty Art Development Studio, Kuala Lumpur

Residencies

2026	Artist Residency with Susur Galur, Pontianak, Indonesia (April)
2025	Khazanah Residency Programme, London, UK (Sep-Dec)
2022	Rimbun Dahan, Rimbun Dahan International Residency, Kuang, Malaysia (Mar-May)
	Arles Penang Cross Residency, Arles, France (Aug-Oct)
2021	Reciprocal Space, Online Residency with British Artist, Laura Porter, funded by British Council
2019	INXO International Artist Residency Program 2019, Kluang, Malaysia (Aug)

Projects, Talks & Workshop

2026

Co-Learning Borneo sharing with Hera Yulita, Pontianak, Indonesia

Artist Talk with Ricky Lazuardi, Alia Safira, Pontianak Biennale, Pontianak, Indonesia

Artist Open House (part of Pontianak Biennale), organised by Borneo Laboratory, Kuching

K-Residency Series Tea Talk, Kuala Lumpur

I Want to Believe, Pak Peng Arcade, Pak Peng Building, Kuala Lumpur

Artistic Direction for ***Tanah air: Navigating Asianess from Malaysia Exhibition*** by Colllab, Asia University Museum of Modern Art, Taichung, Taiwan

Kongsi Di Pasar, Artist sharing, Pontianak, Indonesia

2025

Cardboard Boat-making workshop, Gerald Moore Gallery, London, UK

2023

Unreel Pangkor: Participatory Design and Built project, collaboration project with Colllab, Platz Studio, Hello Pangkor, School of Architecture & Built Environment (SABE) UCSI.

'Space, Spectator and Materials' Artist Talk at Eslite Bookstore, Kuala Lumpur

2022

Open Studio, Kuala Lumpur

Online Sharing Session, invited by Yuye Ge (迂野阁)

Resonance | Rudiments: Artist exchange by Lee Mok Yee & Mark Tan, moderated by Sarah Merican

***Labour & Weight: A Travelling Exhibition**, Collaboration Project with Okui Lala, Yeo Lyle, Koe Cheng Gaik*,
(Invited and commissioned by Multimedia University (MMU), Cyberjaya)

2021

***Labour & Weight: A Travelling Exhibition**, Collaboration Project with Okui Lala, Yeo Lyle, Koe Cheng Gaik*

***Speaker in 'On Material: Artist in Conversation'** with Laura Porter, Sharon Haward, Kim Ng, Online, UK/ Malaysia*

***Speaker in 'On Object: Artist in Conversation'** with Laura Porter, Lorna Johnson, Tan Kian Ming, Online, UK/ Malaysia*

2019

Pangkor Island Festival 2019, Pulau Pangkor

George Town Festival 2019, George Town, Pulau Pinang

2017

Set Designer in Dong Di Yin 动地吟 , DPAC, Petaling Jaya

Set Designer in Musicsynthesis 光合作用, KLPac, Kuala Lumpur

Co-Director in Inner Voices, theater performance by Deaf Beat, DPAC, Petaling Jaya

2016

Installation Artist in OPIUM - Artistic Expression by Malaysian & French Artists, DPAC, Kuala Lumpur

Installation Artist in Yayasan Sime Darby Arts Festival, KLPAC, Kuala Lumpur

2015

Installation Artist in Hua Zong Literary Awards Giving Ceremony 2015 （花踪文学奖）

Curator & Installation artist in - 'Insight into Being: Five Style of Chinese Calligraphy, OACA, Kuala Lumpur

Awards, Grants

2022	Open Art Competition 2021, Penang State Art Gallery
2021	Gold in Extablished Artist Group, UOB POTY 2021 Connections Through Culture UK-Southeast Asia Online Collaboration Grantees
2020	CENDANA Art in the city Public Art Commissioning Programme, 2020
2019	Shortlisted, Bakat Muda Sezaman 2019 (Young Contemporaries 2019) Hai-O Arts & Cultural Grants 2019

Collections

Citadines Tanjung Tokong, Penang

Ibis Styles Bukit Bintang

Hyatt Regency Kuala Lumpur

UOB Bank

Penang State Art Gallery

HSBC Kuala Lumpur

Rimbun Dahan