

**TANAW: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Art Competition at the MET on its FINAL WEEKS**

The Metropolitan Museum of Manila invites everyone to catch the last few weeks of the exhibition of **“Tanaw: BSP Art Competition,”** on view until April 30. The competition aims to support the development of Philippine contemporary art and challenge artists to strive for a higher level of artistic excellence. Winners were awarded with cash prizes and their artworks will become part of the BSP impressive art collection ranging from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present era.

The exhibit comprises the top three winners and 42 artworks of the finalists. The competition was the first national painting competition of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and exceptionally participated by professional and non-professional Filipino artist who have previously won in national and international competitions and art fairs. These award winning visual artists showcased their creativity, technique and sense of design as they were given their personal options of subject and theme.

Gary Custodio, who hails from Kalibo, Aklan, bested almost 200 entries nation wide with his watercolor *The Rebuilders*. Melvin Culaba is from NCR, and placed second for his oil painting *Unresolved* while third place winner Brave Singh of Bantay, Ilocos Sur won for his oil painting *Pagsabay sa mga Hakbang ng Ating mga Pangarap*. Competition judges were Dr. Jaime C. Laya, former BSP governor and Chair of the BSP Cultural Properties Acquisition Advisory Committee; Mercedes Lopez-Vargas, Director of the Lopez Museum; Dr. Patrick Flores of the UP Diliman College of Arts and Letters; and Olivier Dintinger, former director of Alliance Francaise de Manille. Other judges were award winning visual artist Nona Garcia and art connoisseur Paulino Que, a trustee of the Met Museum. Awarding ceremonies were held at the Metropolitan Museum led by the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Hon. Amando Tetangco, Jr., and members of the BSP Monetary Board.

The Metropolitan Museum is located at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. Museum days are Monday to Saturday, 9am – 6pm except holidays, Sundays and every first Monday of the month. For inquiries, call 521-1517 and 523-7855, or email [info@metmuseum.ph](mailto:info@metmuseum.ph).

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