

Kok Yew,
the
perfect
stand-in
for
teachers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.—For artist Puah Kok Yew, 24, the graphics and acrylics exhibition at the Samat Art Gallery here is of special significance to him.

On display are works of his teacher, Mr. Alun Leach-Jones, a top-ranking Australian artist.

Kok Yew, who came out tops in a diploma course at the National Gallery Art School in Melbourne recently, was a student of Mr. Leach-Jones for three years.

New ideas

"It was by chance that I found out that my teacher will be exhibiting his works at the gallery," he said.

As a result of the visit, Kok Yew represented his teacher at the opening of the two-week show today by the Australian High Commissioner here, Mr. J. R. Rowland.

"I feel honoured and proud to be asked by the gallery to represent my teacher," Kok Yew said.

He said the exhibition would be beneficial to Malaysian artists as they could get new ideas from the works, which are mostly silk-screen prints.

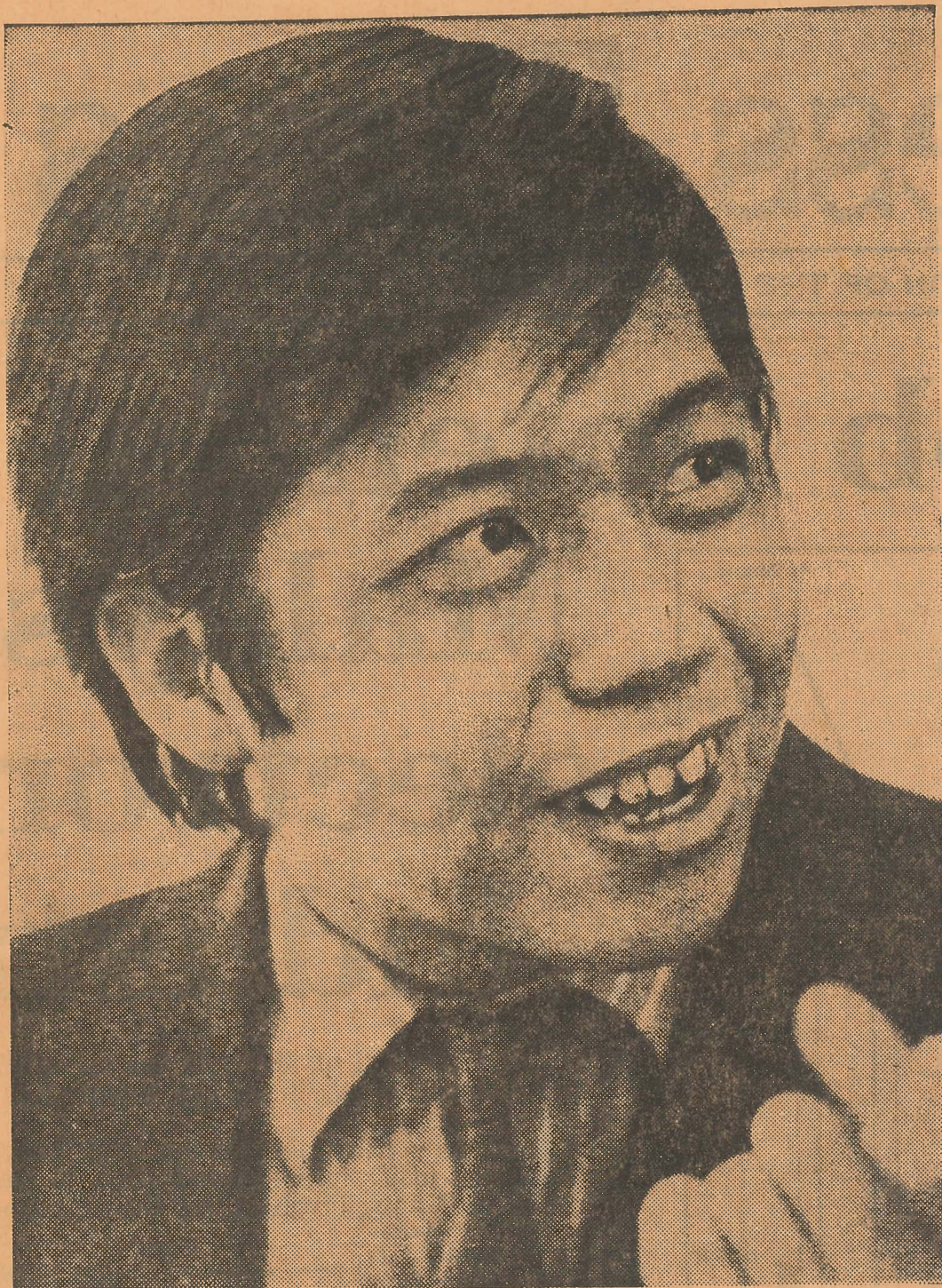
Techniques

"Malaysia needs new ideas from overseas. My teacher is one of the modern ones using the latest techniques."

Kok Yew, who returned here about a month ago, will hold his first one-man show at the gallery from March 19.

Asked about his future plans, Kok Yew, who comes from Klang, said: "I intend to do a lot of travelling to gain more experience.

"Meanwhile, I must get a job to make my trip possible."



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