



福岡アジア美術館
Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

Pop Spirit - Contemporary and Popular Culture

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Asia Gallery A

In the 1990s, contemporary artists who employ images of films, cartoons or games in their artworks emerged in Asia. Considering how these artists of young generation grew up being immersed in popular culture, it is no wonder they began using images from the everyday life.

Although their works may appear superficial and carefree at first glance, they are actually made with clear intention. Sometimes a call for social injustice and issues through a direct means (e.g. posters teaching moral lessons or propaganda) may not be the most effective approach for getting attention. The use of familiar images taken from cartoons and games can make viewers feel closer to the works while also raising their awareness of the issues. This exhibition presents contemporary works from the FAAM collection, which demonstrates such so-called tendency of "Pop Sprit".

List of Works

Hong Sungmin	Korea
7 Characters in Andalou	2004
video (5:00)	
Thaweesak Srithongdee	Thailand
Power	2005
acrylic on sarong fabric	
Momo	2003
acrylic on canvas	
Ahmad Shukri Mohamed	Malaysia
Cabinet Series: Ninja Turtles Visit Malaysia	
1991	
acrylic, wood, bamboo, pottery and plastic	
Yang Maolin	Taiwan
Behavior of Game Playing: Fighting Section I	
1987	
oil on canvas	
Mei Deane	Taiwan
Homage to Trotsky	1991
photograph, plexiglass, fluorescent light, wood	
Iftikhar Dadi	Pakistan
Muslims are meat eaters, they prefer food containing salt.	
Hindus on the other hand prefer a sweet taste.	
1997	
inkjet print on transparency, light box	
Purdah Hai Purdah - What a Veil!	1997
inkjet print on transparency, light box	
Choi Jeonghwa	Korea
Made in Korea	1991
color photograph, acrylic board, plastic chair	
Luo Brothers	China
I Love Tienanmen Square, Beijing	1996-97
photograph, computer graphics, watercolor, lacquer on board	
Feng Mengbo	China
Game Over: RMB	1993
oil on canvas	
Shilpa Gupta	India
Untitled	2004
interactive video projection	
Sumi Takamasa	Japan
Armored Cross Calappa	
FRP, motor, battery	
Armored Cross Mantis	
FRP	