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FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

FOR VISUAL ARTIST

NAOMI CROWTHER

Australian painter Naomi Crowther's New Year's Resolution was to penetrate the international art market. She's quick off the mark as her first International Exhibition opens this Wednesday January 14th in Brunei .

Crowther has shipped 14 works from her Poppies series as part of an Australian Art Exhibition, to be opened by the Australian High Commissioner Her Excellency Dr Ruth Alder at the Sheraton Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan , Brunei.

The exhibition is a joint Australian High Commission-Austrade sponsored event, and is expected to attract around one hundred and fifty people to the opening cocktail reception.

Australia and Brunei enjoy a positive relationship and work together closely on many issues including to the arts, culture, tourism, agriculture, sports, education, science and defence . There is a sizable commercial relationship between the two countries, with the total value of merchandise trade of \$A1.1 billion in Financial Year 2007 - 2008 (source: www.bruneidarussalam.embassy.gov.au).

Crowther is hoping the exhibition will assist her in penetrating other markets in the region such as Malaysia and Singapore.

What: Australian Art Exhibition

When: Cocktail Reception Opening

5.15pm Wednesday January 15th 2009

Where: Matiara Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel

Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

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