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ZHINAN JIANG WATERCOLORS TO BRIGHTEN UP HKUST

Renowned Chinese watercolorist Zhinan Jiang will hold his first solo exhibition in Hong Kong at the Library Gallery of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on 23 April 1999.

The young artist is noted for his extraordinary skills in depicting light and shadow. "Light is very significant in Jiang's watercolors. It is not just a medium, but also a goal. I respect his acute sensitivity to light and am startled by how he deals with light so vividly and so spiritually. For him, light is not just a necessity of life, but also a belief," commented Dakai Du, professor at the Central Academy of Arts and Design in China. Altogether, 40 items of Jiang's work are slated to be displayed at the exhibition.

Born in Hebei's Chengde City, Jiang studied the art of textile dyeing at the prestigious Central Academy of Arts and Design where, after graduation, he became an instructor. In 1991, his painting "Sea" debuted at the Watercolor Paintings Exhibition in Beijing, where it received very positive criticism. Since then, his watercolors have been frequently exhibited in the United States, France, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, as well as on the Chinese Mainland. In 1996, in order to further his studies, he travelled to Paris, where he discovered a new source of inspiration in the exchange of ideas between East and West.

Jiang's unique themes and techniques in watercolors have earned him numerous awards. In 1994, his painting "Untitled" won him the special-class prize presented by the Three Gorges Art Academy. This was followed by the academic prize at the 1995 First Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings of Chinese Young Painters for his painting "Sunday". A year later, he won the silver medal at the Third National Exhibition of Watercolor and Gouache Paintings for his painting "Dialogue between Light and Shadow".

Zhinan Jiang will attend the opening reception of his exhibition on Thursday, 22 April 1999. Details are as follows:

Event: Opening Reception of "Impressions of Light and Shadow"
—An Exhibition of Watercolors by Zhinan Jiang
Date: Thursday, 22 April 1999
Time: 4:30 pm
Venue: Library Gallery, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Opening Period: 23 April-5 July 1999
Opening Hours: 8 am-11 pm (Mon-Fri)
9 am-7 pm (Sat)
1-9 pm (Sun)

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