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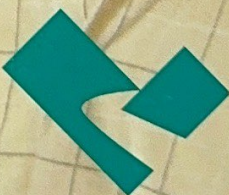
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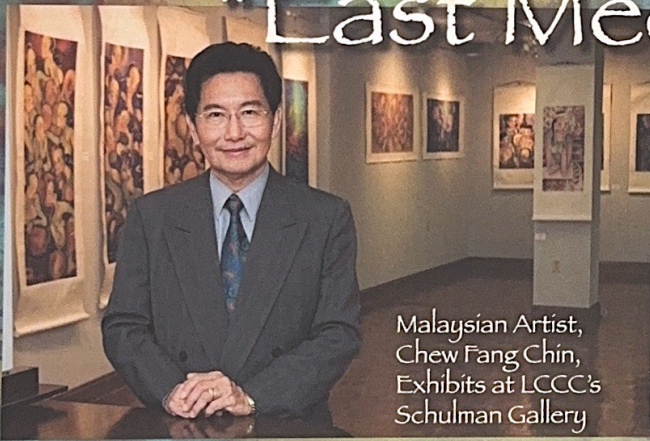
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# "East Meets West"

by Matt Singer & Robert Bogdon



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For several weeks in April, Luzerne County Community College, the campus hosted a major international artist and experienced a culture from the other side of the world. The Malaysian art exhibit, "East Meets West at LCCC: A Solo Exhibition by Chew Fang Chin," was the main attraction in the Schulman Gallery in the College's Campus Center.

The three-week exhibit was the first display of Chew's works in the United States. The opening night of Chew's art show offered a celebration never before seen at the College. Malaysian Ambassador, Dr. Rajmah Hussain, arrived at LCCC to tout Chew's success and the culture of Malaysia. Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, and numerous business, financial and educational leaders from Malaysia also attended the event. Malaysian dancers from Pennsylvania State University entertained guests with traditional dances. Guests also enjoyed tastes from the visiting country.

During Chew's stay in the area, he met with LCCC art students and presented a demonstration of his technique and style. After his nearly month-long exhibition, Chew donated several pieces of artwork to the Schulman Gallery.

Chew's painting style is described as a mixture of Classical Chinese and Modern Western art featuring images of people and landscapes of remote areas of his homeland. In Malaysia, he has held more than 25 solo exhibits. Chew is the first Malaysian artist to exhibit his work in Taiwan, South Korea, Australia, and China.

His paintings have been exhibited in art galleries and museums throughout the world in countries including Australia, China, Malaysia, and Taiwan. Chew's works also are collected by art lovers in the United States, Canada, England, Italy, Poland, Japan, Belgium, and France, among other countries.

"The art exhibition gave me the opportunity to present and enrich the cultural understanding and friendship between Malaysia and the United States through art," says Chew. "I will always be grateful to have had this opportunity to show my paintings at Luzerne County Community College."



Thomas P. Leary, LCCC President; Dr. Rajmah Hussain, Malaysian Ambassador; Roxanne and Dr. Norman Schulman, contributors to the Gallery; and artist Chew Fang Chin.



Participants at the exhibit opening look through information on Malaysia and its culture.



Crowd gathers to enjoy traditional Malaysian dances.