

Art teacher's nude painting bags top prize



ART teacher Namiko Chan Takahashi, 32, took the top prize at this year's United Overseas Bank (UOB) Painting of the Year competition.

She received a trophy and a cash prize of \$20,000 from the guest of honour, President S R Nathan, at the prize presentation ceremony yesterday at the Esplanade.

Said Ms Takahashi: 'After receiving this award, I feel even more encouraged as an artist.'

Her entry - a nude painting of a woman, entitled Charisse - depicts the 'inner strength and determination of women of substance', she said.

The UOB Painting of the Year competition was launched in March 1982 and has been held annually ever since.

Now in its 25th year, the competition saw a record number of 1,380 entries.

President Nathan gave out trophies and prizes worth \$53,500 to the 21 winners.