

ruangrupa

ruangrupa, an artists' initiative founded in the year 2000 by a group of Jakarta based artists, a non-profit organization which focuses on supporting the development of art in the cultural context through research, study and documentation, along with intensive cooperation with the artists through **exhibitions, artist residency programme, art project and workshop.**

We are open for any (visual) artist (group and individuals, Indonesian and foreign) who are willing to work in cooperation with us and are enthusiastic about sharing different opinions; exploring and experimenting the artist's interaction with Jakarta urban environment.

We work together a lot with many other artists, in a horizontal structure to support and mediating fresh ideas who address visual art as a cultural practice which is interesting for debate in visual art and the relation with social - cultural discourse, especially pertaining to Indonesian contemporary culture.

ruangrupa's Program

ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The artist will work in an individual or collective project. These programs are open for artists [groups and individuals, Indonesian and foreign] who address visual art as a 'cultural practice' which is fresh and interesting for debate. It is also open for those who are enthusiastic about sharing different points of view, exploring and interacting with the Jakarta urban surrounding.

The residency program could run over a span of a maximum of one month. In the end of the working period there will be a presentation of the works. ruangrupa will only accept a maximum of three artists in residence in one year.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM / ART PROJECT

The starting points for the themes in this program are issues, which are still and could be interesting for a debate in visual art and social - cultural discourse, especially pertaining to Indonesia. The workshop will involve a number of artists from different background; they will stay and work together in the ruangrupa space. It will open the potentialities for the collaborations and individual works.

The workshop will run for about one month, during the workshop research and documentation of the project in the forms of slides, videos, will be arranged by **ruangrupa**. 2000-2002 projects:

Some of our project are: Public art, urban printing, video art/multimedia, 'Jakarta Habitus Publik'-a public art project, music video workshop etc.

In the period 2000-2002 artists from Indonesia [Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta] and International [Germany, France, Argentina, Belgium, South Africa, Netherlands, Finland, and U.S.A.] participated in the two programs mentioned above.

'KARBON'

Our four monthly journals have been published as a media to reach and stimulate debate and discussion among broader audiences. The journal focuses on art and essays on culture.

The journals were distributed in few big cities in Java and all cultural center /organization all over Indonesia. Outside Indonesia the journal were distributed to few organization and artist initiative in different countries amongs the member of the RAIN Artists' Initiative International.

EXHIBITION SPACE

ruangrupa exhibition space was set up in the end of year 2001. A space for presentation has an important role for artists in Jakarta, especially for artists with fresh and experimental ideas currently there are lacks of possibilities to show the works in conventional spaces. There will be maximum six exhibitions in the ruangrupa space in one year.

SPACE AND FACILITIES

ruangrupa will provide the artists who take part in the program, a working and residential place. We also provide use of equipment (computers) for image developing, video/sound editing, and Internet access.

NETWORK AND SUPPORT

Besides support from many artists who have been working together with us, there are number of positive co-operation from art and cultural Institution/organization in Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta, e.g.: Jakarta Art Institute, National Gallery Indonesia, Cemeti Art Foundation [Yogyakarta], Barak Art space [Bandung]. Konfiden - Independent Film Community (Jakarta).

In some project we work together and have some support from cultural center of foreign countries in Jakarta, for instance Goethe Institute, Japan Foundation, Erasmus Huis, French Cultural Center, and British Council. ruangrupa also supported by HIVOS and RAIN.

RAIN (Artists Initiatives Network)

www.r-a-i-n.net

In the year 2000, ruangrupa become one of the partners in RAIN Artists Initiatives Network. The RAIN network has been very important for ruangrupa to endorse and facilitate the art and cultural exchange, [both on south - south level, and south - north level] and the research/documentation program.

The partners at RAIN network are: Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten Amsterdam-Netherlands, El Despacho [Mexico City, Mexico], Open Circle [Mumbai, India], Centre Soleil d'Afrique [Bamako, Mali], TRAMA [Buenos Aires, Argentina] and PULSE [Durban, South Africa], and CEIA [Belo Horizonte, Brazil]. Facilitated by Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten Amsterdam-Netherlands [State Academy of

Fine Art Amsterdam], the network focused on the set up the virtual network, and the exchange artist, information, publications and documentation.

ruangrupa's WEBSITE

A part from our works in research, documentation, and publication - besides publishing the four monthly journal 'karbon' -, we are going to develop our web site, to create a virtual space, which has broader senses. It will work as a medium for exchange of information, publication, and documentation, on Indonesian contemporary art.

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