

Batik Workshop Returns to Singapore

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Singapore, GIVNews.com – Indonesian community in Singapore Management University (SMU) brought back batik workshop on 05 Sep 2014, after a three-year hiatus.

The two-hour workshop welcomed both SMU students and members of public. At a price of SGD 16, participants are able to experience the intricate process of batik making. SMU students, however, are able to enjoy the workshop at a subsidized price of SGD 8, sponsored by the Arts and Cultural Fraternity of SMU.



Indonesian community in SMU, which is known as SMUKI (SMU Komunitas Indonesia), invited two instructors from the Singapore Arts School to teach a total of 30 workshop participants.

The workshop attracted not only Indonesians, but also people from different countries such as Thailand, Korea, China, and the United Kingdom.

During the workshop, participants could draw the batik pattern by tracing provided pattern or by sketching their own designs. The participants also got the rare opportunity to play with canting, a special tool to apply melted wax to the drawn patterns on the fabrics.

Traditionally, after waxing the patterns and dyeing the cloths, batik needs to be immersed in boiling water to remove the wax. SMUKI decided to remove this step due to safety concern. Nonetheless, the participants were still thrilled to see the results of their batik creation.

They displayed and took photos with their brightly coloured batik cloth adorned with elaborate flowery details.

Many participants, who are featured in the workshop Youtube video, said that this is the first time they have ever attended such workshop and that the workshop is a good channel for them to explore and appreciate Indonesian culture.

More information about the Batik workshop and future event can be viewed in www.smuki.org or Facebook page 'SMU Komunitas Indonesia'