

## ART FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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If you like art, you must go to Hong Kong this weekend, as everything is happening there. The main event is, of course, Art Basel.

Art Basel finishes tomorrow, March 26. Located at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, it is the biggest art fair of the neighbouring region — 239 galleries from 35 countries, almost half of which are Asia-based ones.

It is an international event, but it is also a way of taking Asian art to Western galleries, since it's an East-meets-West event. Here, artists from everywhere in the world are represented — not only from Mainland China and Hong Kong, but also from Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan and Singapore.

Most of the galleries feature modern and contemporary art. You can see an innumerable range of paintings, sculptures, installations, prints, photography and video art by over 4,000 artists. It is still a young art fair, as it is only in its 4th edition, but it's already under the international spotlight.

Some of the highlights of this year's edition are Kukje Gallery, at Booth IC13, from South Korea — you can see artist [Kyungah Ham](#)'s "Chandeliers in Five Cities", which is an embroidered piece that required over 1,800 hours to create and was made by North Korean women. It's a piece about the colonial collapse after the Korean War.

Another highlight is Osage Gallery, at Booth 3E14, featuring Indonesian's artist Tintin Wulia "Five Tonnes of Homes and other Understories". Using cardboard, the work represents Hong Kong's elderly women who still use cardboard scavenging as a source of income.

You can see several art events spread through the city, coinciding with Art Basel. Along with "Debris" show by Portuguese

artist Alexandre Farto, known by his tag Vhils, I would highlight Sotheby's "They Would Be Kings", on display until tomorrow, March 26, featuring works by internationally renowned artist Banksy and New York-based KAWS and Keith Haring.

Let's face it, Macau. This weekend, Hong Kong is clearly the place to be. Don't miss it.