

LING DOH KIN

b. 1979, Malaysia

Singapore-based photographer and travel writer Ling Doh Kin (林道锦) sees light as a positive energy; a source of goodness that represents hope and warmth. Over his years of traveling, Kin has witnessed amazing landscapes resulting from light play. And just as light breathes life into a photo, the unconditional kindness Kin has received from strangers on his journeys has imbued his travels with such resonance so richly captured in his imagery.

In January 2018, Kin debuted his first travel tome titled 'On a journey with you 旅行》', which he co-authored with his Bigfoottraveller.com Co-founder and backpacking partner Ling Sing Yuen. The book documents heart-warming stories of how strangers have helped them during unforeseen circumstances around the world.

For Kin, travel has always sought to awaken his senses. And so he wishes to capture this multi-sensory spirit with the exhibition. To curate a total travel experience and awaken the sense of touch, some photographs will be paired with an eclectic range of design collectibles from the photograph's country of origin. Visitors will be able to see and touch crafts and art pieces created by the natives, such as a hand-stitched leather bag and chairs Kin purchased in Morocco, and a beautiful collection of scarves and throws from the Faroe Islands and Tunisia.

"These tactile elements add another dimension to the art of storytelling, transporting the visitor to a certain time and place in my journeys," Kin observes.

To capture the olfactory senses, Singapore artisanal perfume label SIX will be imbuing the gallery with 27°F Biei, a scent inspired by the winter of Hokkaido.

"Scent, to me, is another language we can use to convey the story of a place. I wanted to collaborate with SIX because I love their philosophy and travel-inspired fragrances," Kin explains.

Kin's work has also captured the attention of another industry player, Canon Singapore. Canon Singapore will sponsor all prints showcased at the exhibition. All photos are printed using Canon's A2-format image PROGRAF PRO-500 professional photo printer that delivers exceptional quality exhibition prints, on Canon's Pro Premium Matte paper.

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