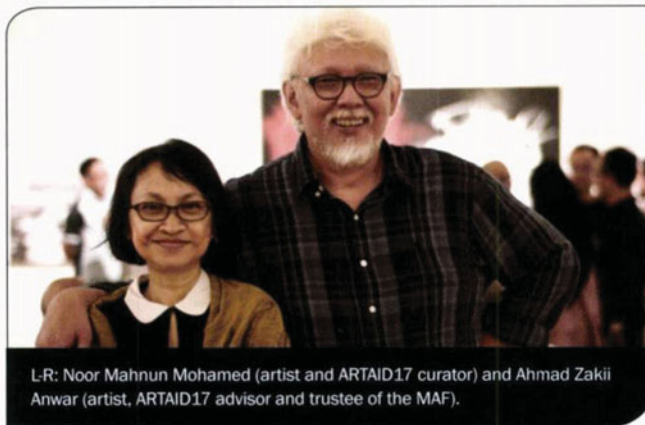


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L-R: Noor Mahnun Mohamed (artist and ARTAID17 curator) and Ahmad Zakii Anwar (artist, ARTAID17 advisor and trustee of the MAF).

In September, the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) unveiled ARTAID17. ARTAID united both established and emerging Malaysian contemporary artists, whose artworks are exhibited and later sold to raise funds for MAF's high-impact HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes. ARTAID17 carried the theme of *Bebas* ('Freedom'), and the over 40 works displayed tackled the theme of stigma and discrimination faced by people with HIV and AIDS, as well as other inequities that harm, hinder, and hamper progress in the AIDS response. If you have missed the exhibition, you can still visit the ARTAID17 webpage (yam.org.my/v2/project/artaid17/).