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Australian artist recreates various materials for her artwork

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Creative: A broken mirror and hot glue pieced together as part of one of her sculptures.

KUANTAN: Australian artist Jordan Wood made her Malaysian debut at an art exhibition in the East Coast Artist-in-Residence here recently, showcasing her collages and sculptures which were made from recyclable items.

The exhibition entitled "Why You Are Here" saw Wood using recyclables such as plastic bags, a broken motorcycle mirror, PVC pipes and tree branches, among others.

Wood attributes her grandmother, who had been an artist herself, as the person she looks up to.

"It felt almost natural. I excelled in all art-related subjects in school and was fascinated about taking recyclable items around and recreating it into something else," she said.

Hailing from Melbourne, Australia, Wood has also lived in Kuala Lumpur for five years when she was 10 years old.

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Having had a connection with Malaysia, Wood explained that she liked to leave something behind everywhere she goes.

"I am staying in Semambu and there is just this vast amount of recyclable items there since it is close to an industrial area," said Wood, adding that she was happy to have so many choices of materials to work with.

When asked of her favourite work, she showed a collage entitled "Between Us (And Them)."

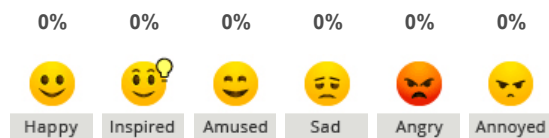
"It's kind of comedic, yet tragic. I like this particular piece because it shows the vastness of communication and how it has changed our lives. It shows both the good and bad side of it," she said.

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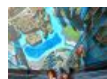
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