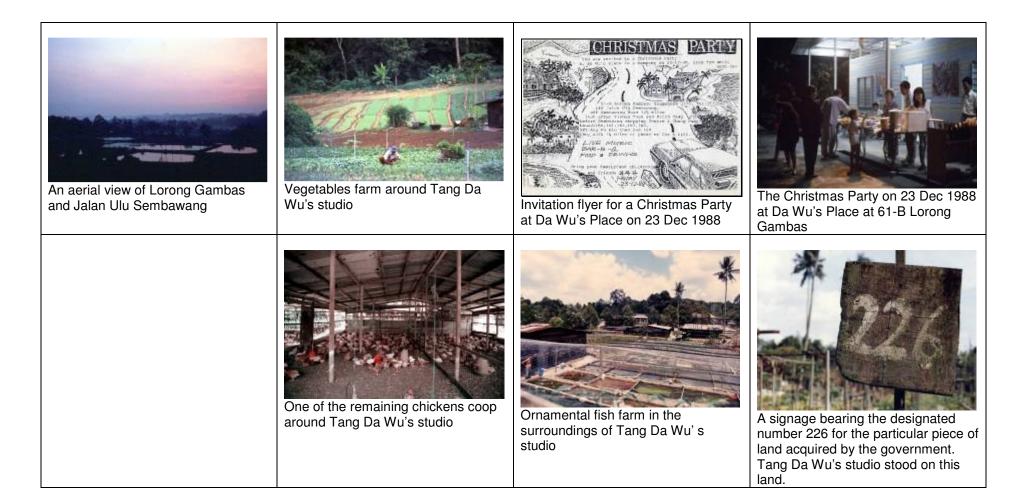
A Brief Chronology of The Artists Village Documentation by Koh Nguang How

Inception of The Artists Village (TAV)

June 1988

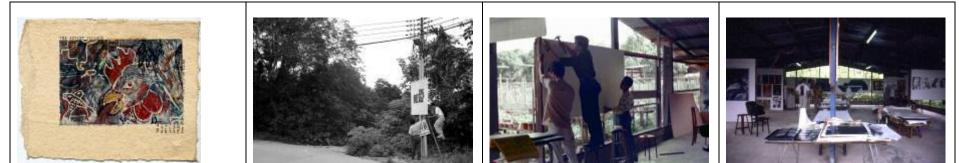
Artist Tang Da Wu founded the village studio-space at 61-B Lorong Gambas, Sembawang. He invited some young artists to work at the studios



First Open Studio Show

28 - 30 January 1989 (extended to 12 February)

The artists working at the village studios organised the first "Open Studio Show" at the village, featuring 10 artists. Beginning of the use of the name "The Artists Village" (TAV)

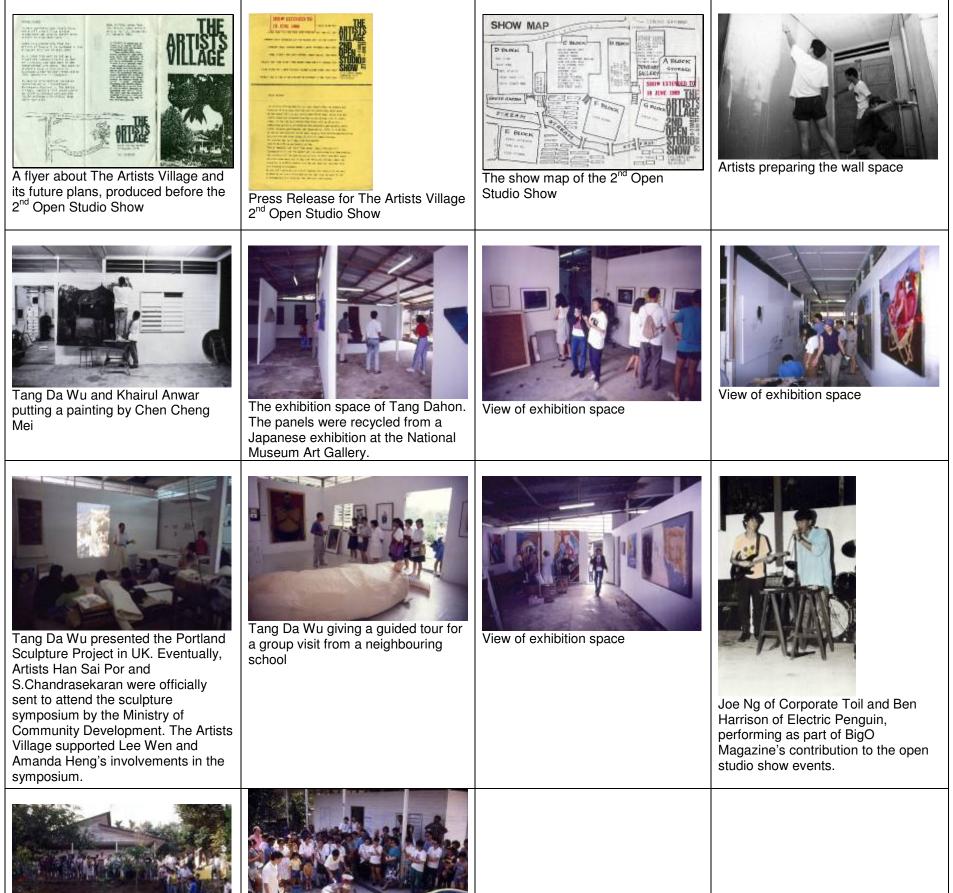


The invite card for the first Open Studio Show of The Artists Village	Tang Da Wu putting up banners of his studio and The Artists Village outside the main road Lorong Gambas.	Conversion of a chicken coop into an exhibition space	A converted chicken coop, now an exhibition space
At the reception area of the Open Studio Show	The driveway gallery of the Open Studio Show.	Drawings by Amanda Heng in the Life Drawing lessons at La Salle exhibited in the Open Studio Show	Village folks were also part of the visitors to the Open Studio Show

Second Open Studio Show

27 May - 11 June 1989 (extended to 18 June)

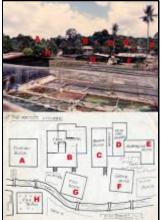
TAV organised The Artists Village 2nd Open Studio Show, in Lorong Gambas, featuring 26 artists.



Gooseman by Tang Da Wu



Gooseman by Tang Da Wu



The Artists Village Space Expansion in 1989

Art Mart

April 1989

TAV was invited to show in the Singapore Tourism Promotion Board's event **Art Mart: Singapore International Shopping Festival**, at Cuppage Terrace, Orchard Road.



Musician lke Lau gave an impromptu performance of his Asian rock music while Tang Da Wu performed



Life Boat, Performance by Tang Da Wu

Life Boat, Performance by Tang Da Wu



Life Boat, (during the night) Performance by Tang Da Wu

The Happenings

31 July - 2 August 1989

TAV was invited to show at the **Opening of the Nanyang Technological Institute's Residence Hall 5**, Singapore. TAV named the event **The Happenings**.



The Happenings II

September 1989

TAV was invited to show at the National University of Singapore, presented by the Raffles Hall and the NUS Architectural Society. TAV named the event *The Happenings II*.



Students from the Architecture Society of National University of Singapore visited TAV during the 2nd Open Studio Show to discuss a possible show at NUS.



The title board at NUS, *The Happenings* was labelled as "The Avant Garde Exhibition". The exhibition was held below the space of the central library, called "The



Exhibition View



Exhibition View



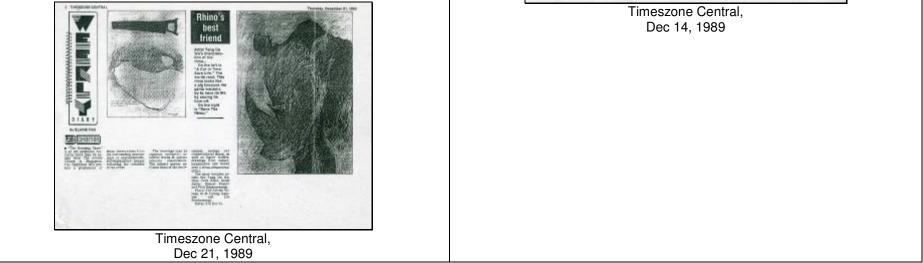
The Drawing Show

9 - 31 December 1989

TAV organised *The Drawing Show* at its space at Lorong Gambas. It was the first thematic show organised by TAV



Drawings by Tang Da Wu in the show



The Time Show

31 December 1989 -1 January 1990

TAV organised its second thematic show, "The Time Show, a 24-hour Continuous Performance Art Show", at Lorong Gambas



34 7/10 C 13 1 The Program sheet of The Time Show subjected to changes.



9am, "Dancing by the Pond" by Tang Da Wu



10am, "Incidental" by Lee Wen



"Man Earth Air and Water" by Teo Eng Seng



3pm, "In the End My Mother Decided to Eat Cat and Dog Food" by Tang Da Wu



4pm, "Fighting Birds" by Tang Mun Kit and Wong Shih Yaw



5pm, "Living with Nature" by Han Sai Por with Amanda Heng



6.00-8.30pm Music by Gary Chand and Friends



11pm "Sky Debris" by Low Eng Teong



12 Midnight New Year Prayer



New Year Dance



12.30am, "This Time 12 O'clock Comes Later Than Scheduled" by Khairul & The Latecomers



3am, "Concrete Dancing" by Tang Da Wu & Co.



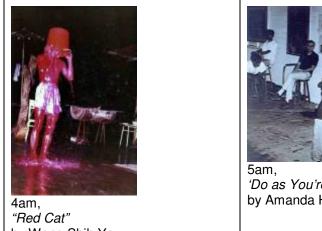
12.30am, "This Time 12 O'clock Comes Later Than Scheduled" by Khairul & The Latecomers



Poetry Reading by Jailani Kuning



Poetry Reading by Lee Wen





'Do as You're Told" by Amanda Heng with Han Sai Por "Sunrise at Vegetable Farm" by Tang Da Wu



8am, "There is a Hole in the Sky" by Koh Nguang How

by Wong Shih Yaw

QU Art Support II - The Artists Village Show

March 1990

TAV was invited by Hong Kong QU Art Society

to show in QU Art Support II - The Artists Village Show, Hong Kong

Artists Khairul Anwar Salleh, Lee Wen and Wong Shih Yaw represented TAV in Hong Kong, and did performance piece called *Letter A*.

The artists who contributed drawings, mixed media works and paintings were:

Azman Mohamed, Cheng Hoon Leong, Chiew Sien Kuan, Chng seok Tin, Goh Teck Hong, Amanda Heng, Jailani Kuning, Khairul Anwar Salleh, Koh Nguang How, Gladys Lam, Lee Wen, Vincent Leow, Lim Soo Ngee, Low Eng Teong, Hazel McIntosh, Neo Kim Seng, Ng Kiow Ngor, Tan Tian Joo, Tang Dahon, Tang Da Wu, Tang Mun Kit and Wong Shih Yaw



Letter A by Khairul Anwar Salleh, Lee Wen and Wong Shih Yaw Photo: Courtesy of Lee Wen

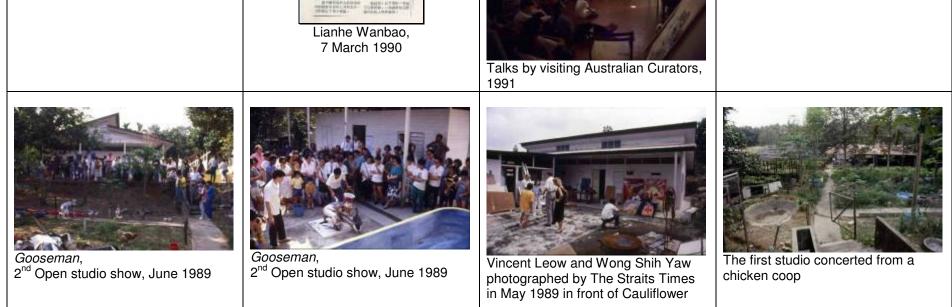
Closure of the Village Space at Lorong Gambas

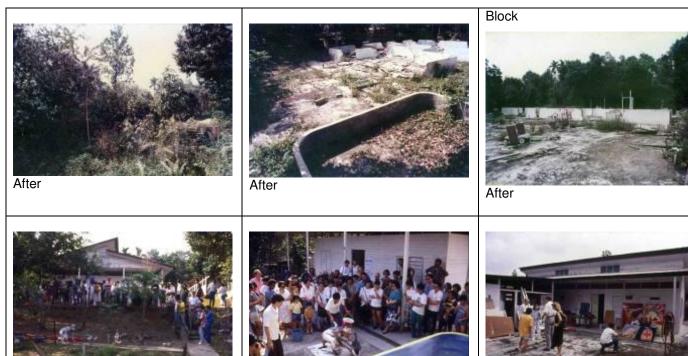
March 1990

The artists at the village space moved out, as the land was returned to the government authorities for development. The previous owners had accepted compensations for its acquisitions in 1987. Tang Da Wu and a few artists moved to rented houses at the Naval Base area, but could not

continue to have public activities at these premises. They continued the search for a more permanent home.











Gooseman, 2nd Open studio show, June 1989

Gooseman, 2nd Open studio show, June 1989



Vincent Leow and Wong Shih Yaw photographed by The Straits Times in May 1989 in front of Cauliflower Block



The first studio concerted from a chicken coop



After









The CARE Show

2 - 24 June 1990

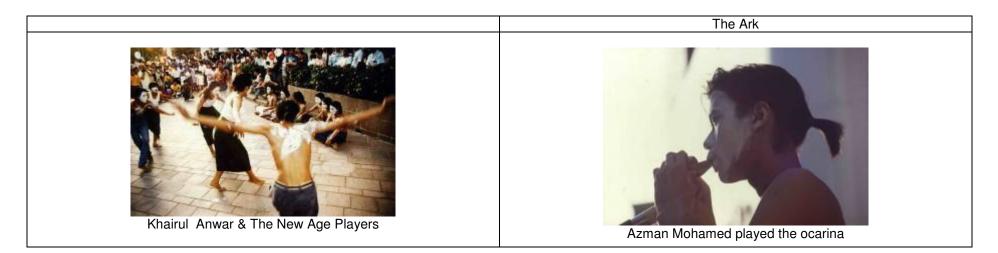
TAV was invited to show in the Festival Fringe of the Singapore Festival of Arts 1990. It presented *The CARE Show* (Concerned ARtists for the Environment)

Noah's Ark By Tang Da Wu, Lee Wen and Khairul Anwar & The New Age Players At Orchard Road, outside Paragon Shopping Centre



Lee Wen (in the foreground)





Letter A

By Vincent Leow, Lee Wen and Wong Shih Yaw At Orchard Road, outside Paragon Shopping Centre



Gateway To Malaysia

1990 Dec – Jan 1991

TAV was invited to show in *Gateway To Malaysia*, presented by the Bangnan Dato Jaafar (a cultural space) in Johore, Malaysia. The artists who participated were: Ahmad Abu Bakar, Amanda Heng, Vincent Leow, Jailani Kuning, Tang Da Wu, Azman

A Sculpture Seminar

28 May - 9 June 1991

Tang Da Wu initiated **A Sculpture Seminar**, presented at the National Museum Art Gallery, and co-organised by TAV



View of Sculpture Seminar	Reference corner where publications on Sculpture were available for browsing	Videos about Sculpture were played	
Wiew of Sculpture Seminar	Four Persons in One Suit, in the Streets of Singapore by Tang Da Wu, Azman Mohamed, Ahmad Mashadi and Zai Kuning	Discussions held at the Museum Art Gallery	Discussions held at the Museum Theatrette

Official Registration of The Artists Village

12 Feb 1992

"The Artists Village" was officially registered as an art society under the Societies Act in Singapore. Its objectives are to foster and develop an increased consciousness of the importance of the arts and their contribution to Singapore society, by engaging in active dialogue with the public, through the production and exposition of works of art.

With the official registration, The Artists Village and its officially registered artist members became eligible for participation of certain officially funded events and the application for funding and space under the new rules of the National Arts Council, which was established in 1991.

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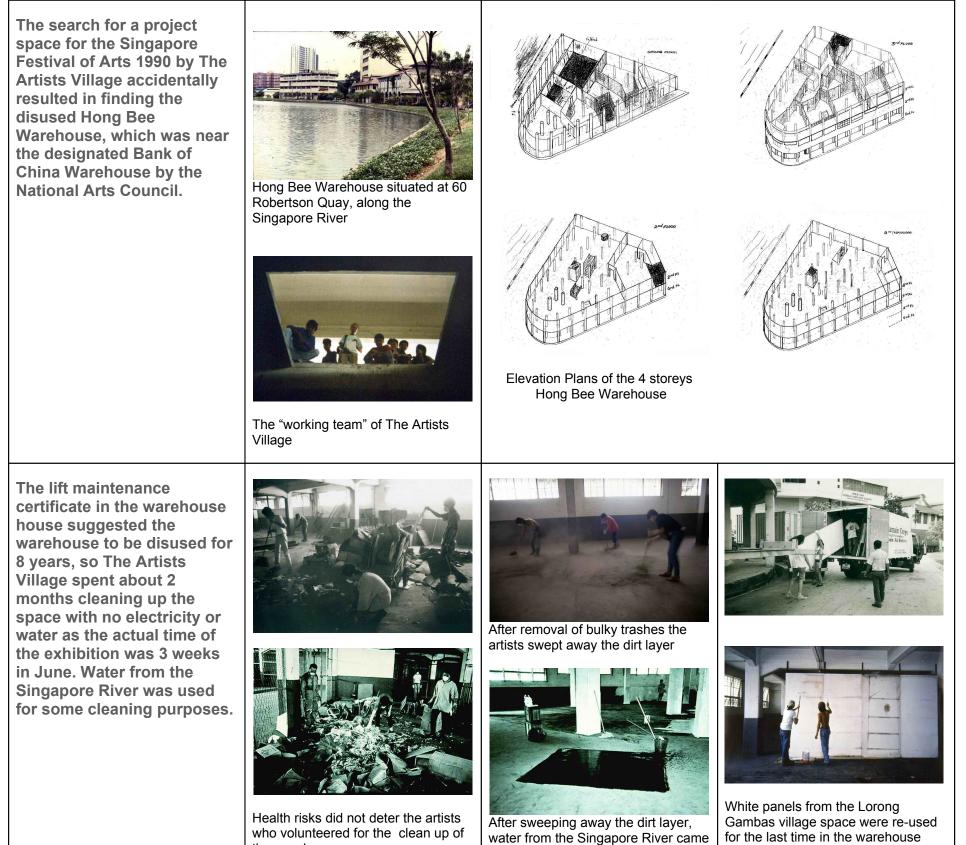
Certification of Registration

The Space

31 May - 21 June 1992

TAV and the National Arts Council jointly organised The Space, a Fringe Festival visual arts event for the Singapore Festival of Arts 1992, at the old Hong Bee Warehouse. Forty local artists and twenty international artists participated in the event.

The Clean-Up



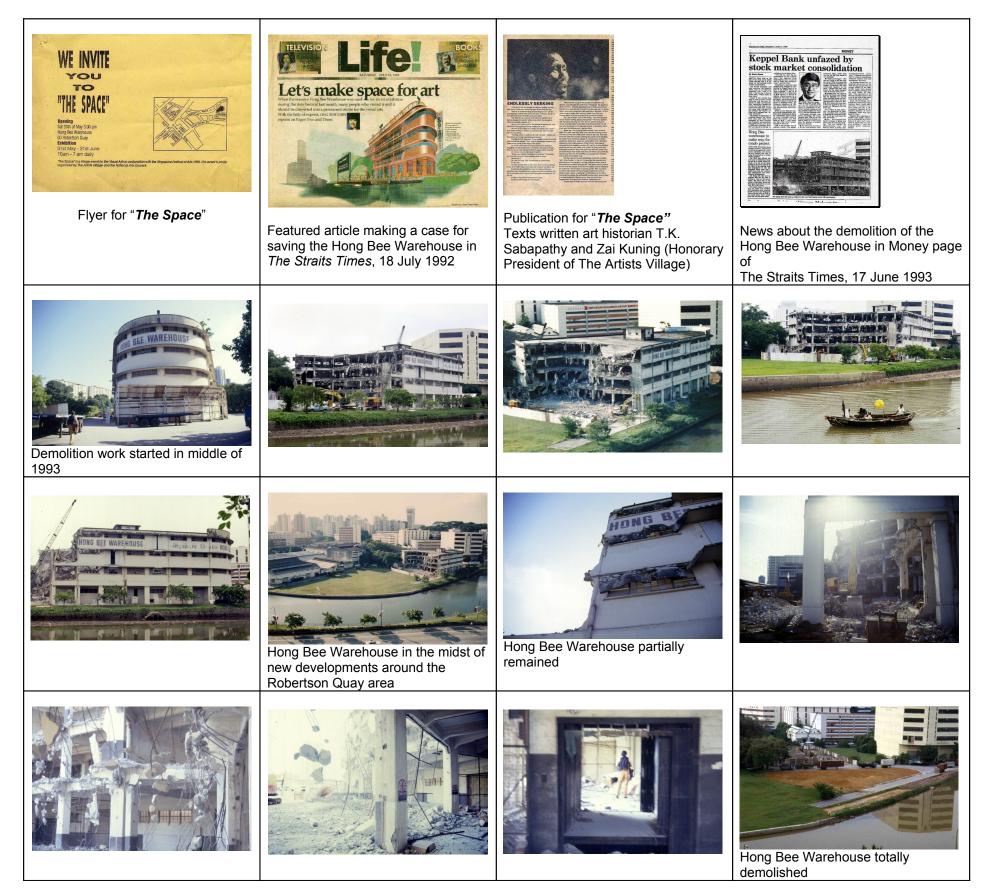


the warehouse



in useful for mopping the floor

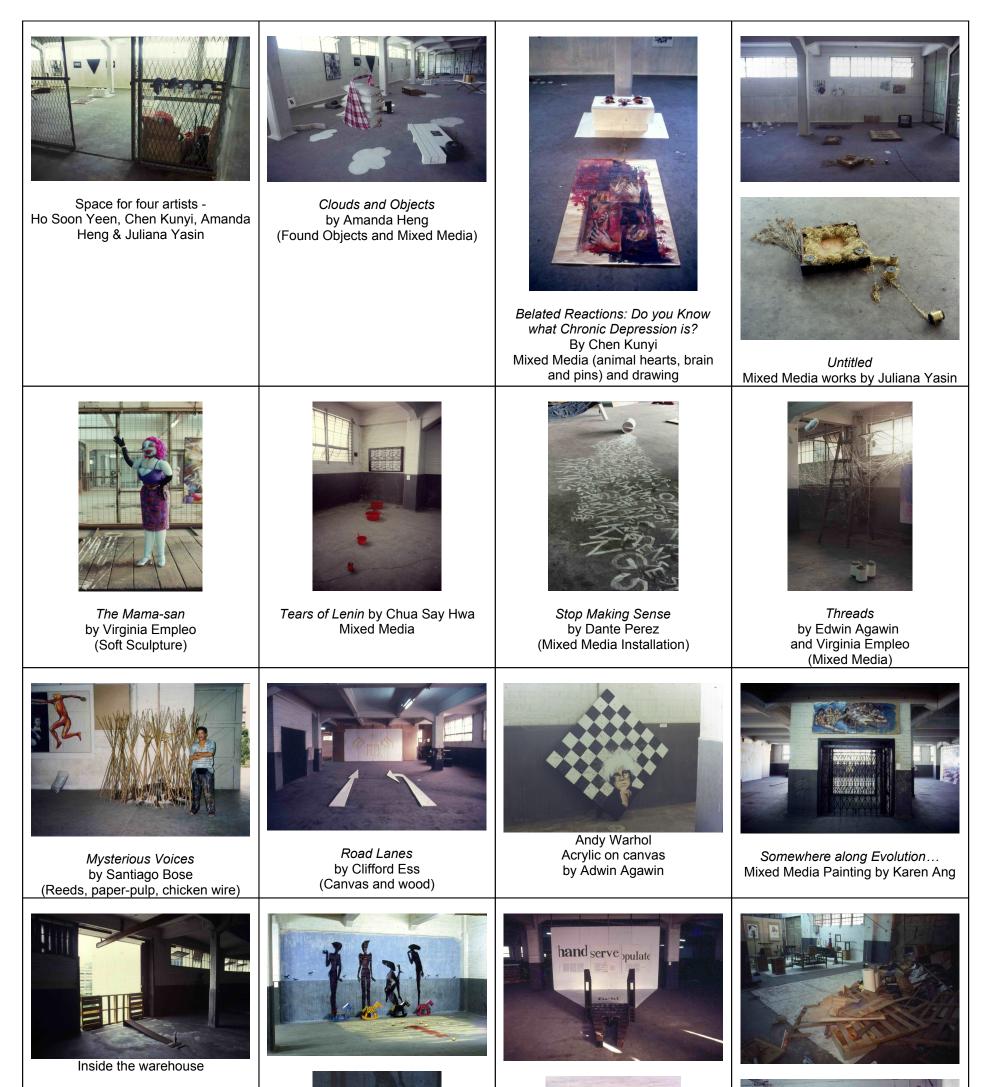
Publicity & The Ending



Hole-Things that Expands to the Atmosphere (Acrylic and pencil on walls on the roof top structures) by Kanae Ohgi (Japan)



The Works in The Space





Untitled (Mixed media golf installation from the warehouse to the space outside) by Faizal Fadil



Black Moon #13, "Me" by Eng Hwee Chu (Mixed Media Installation)



Hands by Ahmad Mashadi (Mixed Media)



Working Space By Zai Kuning (Objects created from trash area)











For Sale Mixed Media installation by Ho Soon Yeen



Installation of drawings and paintings on walls and floors by Dominique Hui



The Winged Victory Re-construction Project and Altar to the Existential Calender Mixed Media installations by Jose Tence Ruiz



Blue Bird Installation by Koh Nguang How (Plastic bag and found bird nest on florescence tube in the warehouse)





A Bosom Buddy, Sanitary Pads and colour by Ho Soon Yeen



Untitled Photography by Low Eng Teong



Excuse Me Mixed Media by Ahmad Abu Bakar

Photo-montage

by Amanda Heng



User-Friendly Mixed Media by Jose Tence Ruiz



Black & White by Low Eng Teong

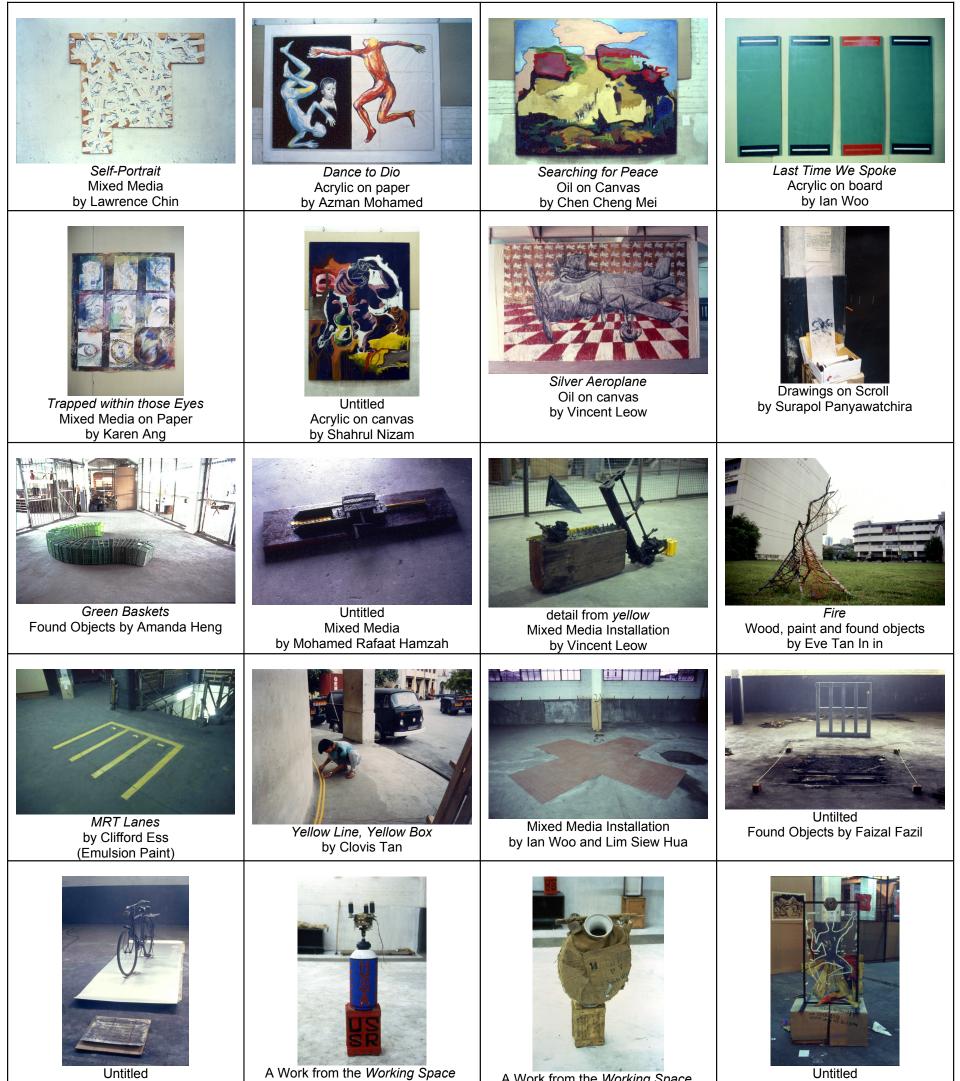


Bottle Fabric & Photo Silkscreen by Lee Ker Shing



Unknown Future by Thein Naing (photographs and handmade paper)





Found Objects by Faizal Fadil

A Work from the *Working Space* by Zai Kuning

Untitled Mixed Media by Shannon Tham



by Zai Kuning



Work in Progress by Ian Woo and Lim Siew Hua



Caged Performance by Lee Wen on Video recorded in London



Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous: Three Legged Toad Performance by Vincent Leow



Yellow Mixed Media Installation by Vincent Leow



Common Attitude Mixed Media by Ahmad Abu Bakar



Tidbits Mixed Media by Samsuri Ibrahim



Plastic Performance by Josef Ng and Shannon Tham



Plastic Performance by Josef Ng and Shannon Tham



Faces of Galaxy Series Mixed Media by Lee Chuen Ling



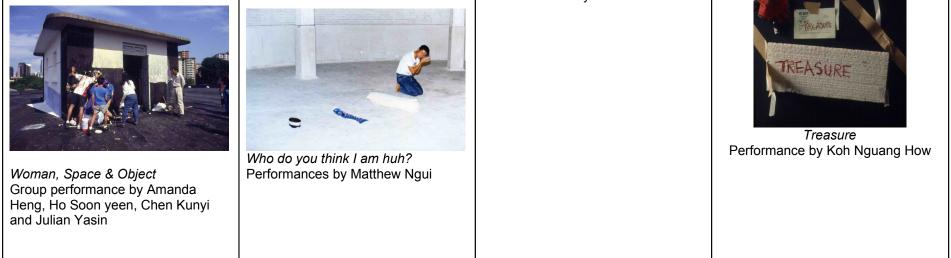
Performance by Azman Mohamed



Her Identity Group performance by Amanda Heng, Ho Soon yeen, Chen Kunyi and Julian Yasin









Space

Performance by Zai Kuning







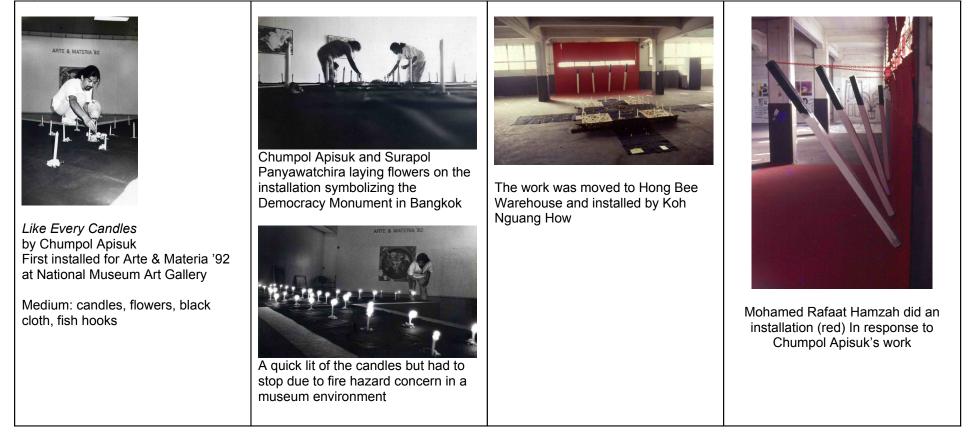


Preservation Performance by Samsuri Ibrahim

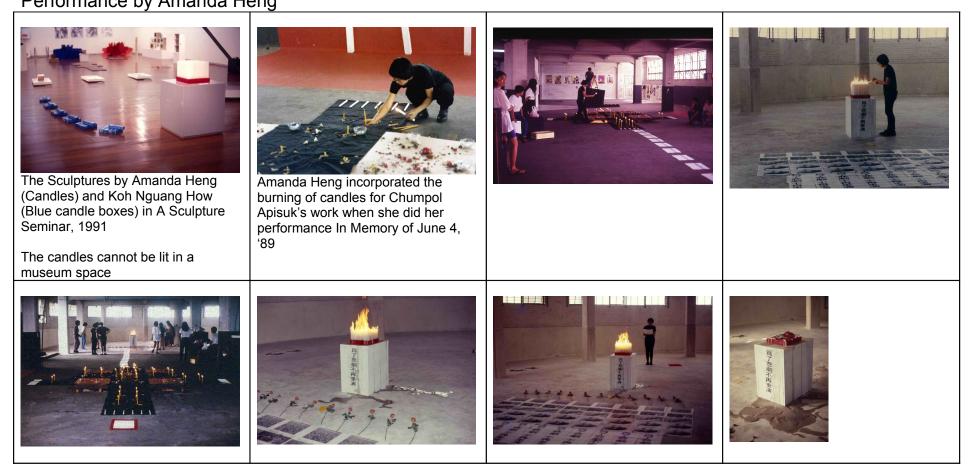




Like Every Candles by Chumpol Apisuk, Thailand



In Memory of June 4, '89 Performance by Amanda Heng

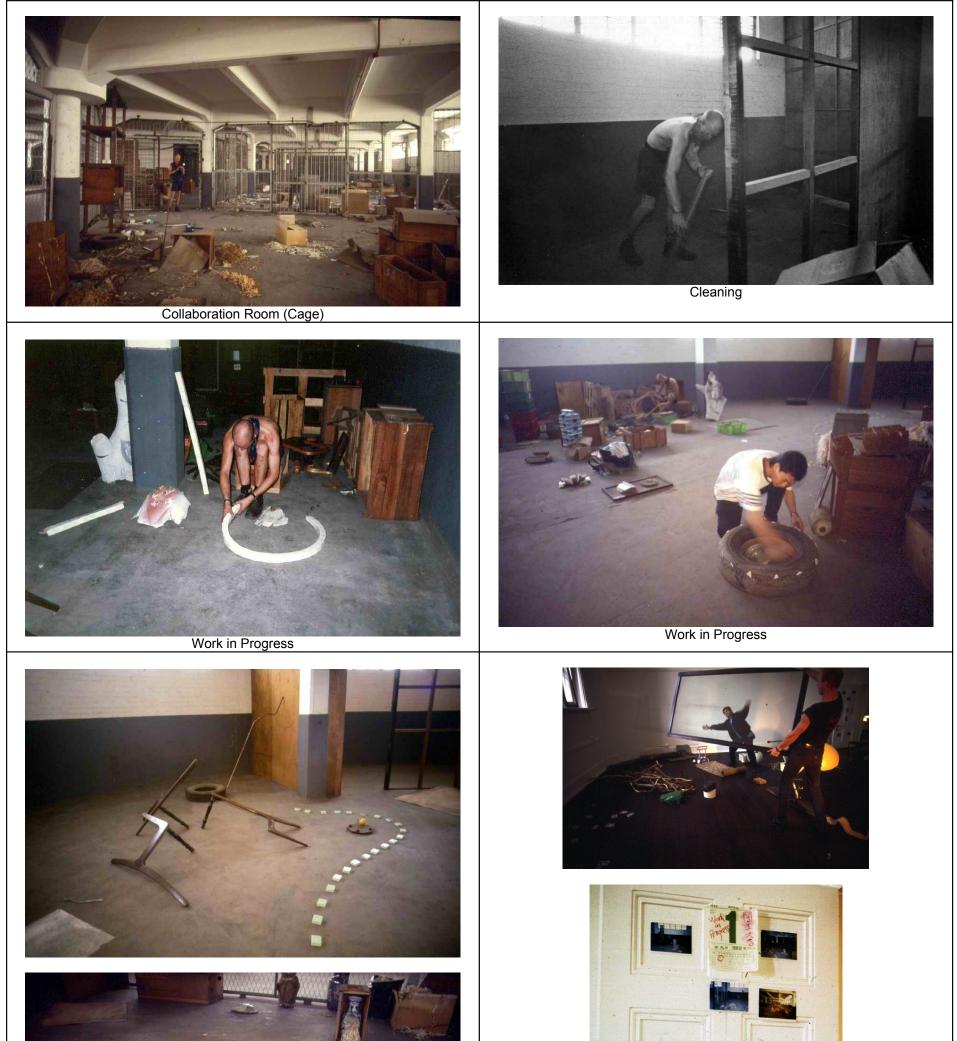


All that is natural in my country is already destroyed... by Surapol Panyawatchira, Thailand

The work was first shown at <i>Arte &</i> <i>Materia '92</i> in the National Museum	All that is natural in my country is	The work was also shown at <i>Arte & Materia '92</i>	All that is natural in my country is
Art Gallery	already destroyed Installation by Surapol	in the National Museum Art Gallery	already destroyed Installation by Surapol Panyawatchira
Medium: calendar, latex, net, debris	Panyawatchira along the Singapore River outside Hong Bee Warehouse	Medium: Drawings on Bamboo Nets	

Tim Maslen and Koh Nguang How (Pre-ARX3 Collaboration)

Tim Maslen and Koh Nguang How worked in a space in Hong Bee Warehouse as part of ARX3 (Artists' Regional Exchange 3) collaboration. They continued the collaboration at Perth Institute of Contemporary Art.





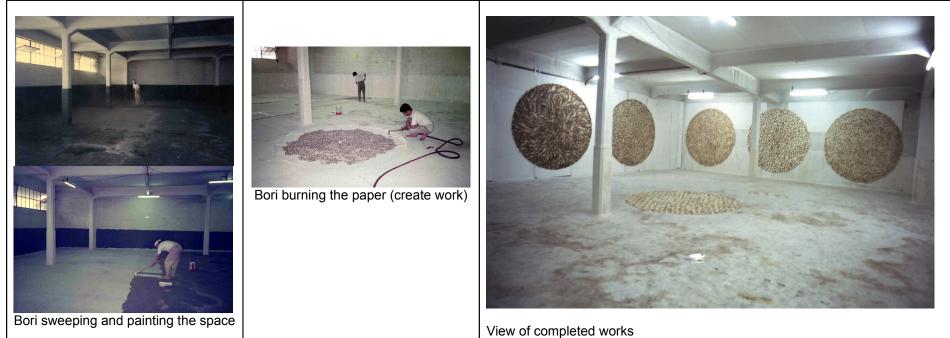
Work in Progress



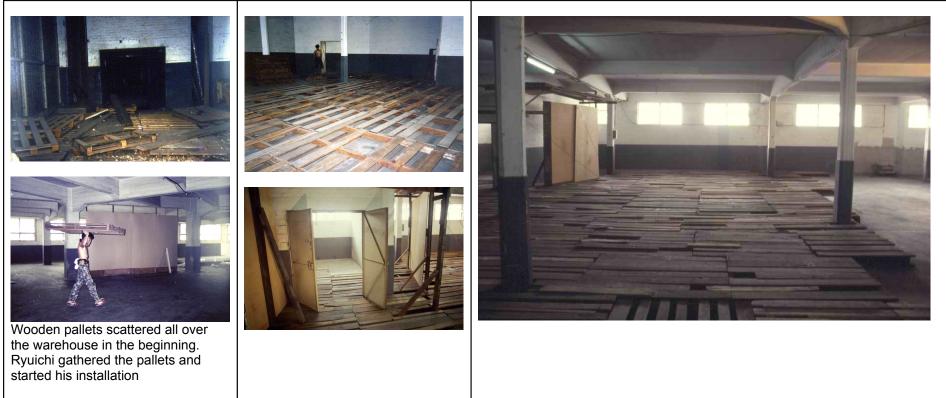
Room, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art ARX3, 1992

Burner Works '92 (Mandara)

(Acetylene Torch on Paper) by Kiyonori Bori, Japan



Untitled (Site Specific Installation) (Found pallets, plywood, steel cable) by Ryuichi Sakazaki, Japan



Installing 400 paper boats in the Singapore River Performance by Sakiko Yamaoka, Japan







An Irregular Shape Drawn Using Yellow Turmeric Powder Performance and Drawing by Hitoshi Ushijima, Japan



Installations (You can verge inside of yourself, but... and Internal Vessel) (Clay, dried chillies, lead, velvet, light bulb) by Kiyo Kusano, Japan





Installation Views



Details of You can verge inside of yourself, but... I



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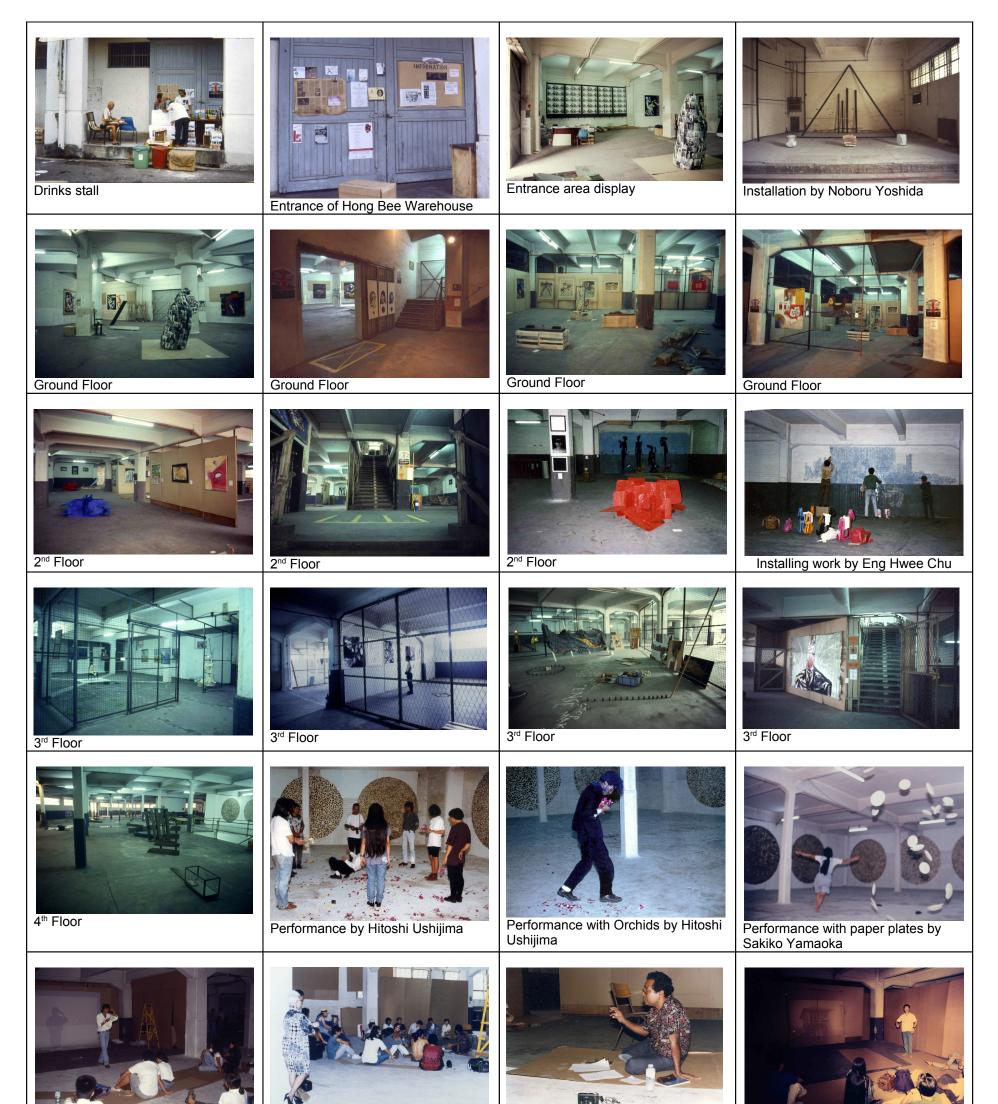


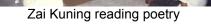
Details of Internal Vessel

Omnipotent Eye Marble sculpture **by Noboru Yoshida, Japan**



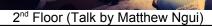
Other Views from The Space





Discussion Session

Art historian T.K. Sabapathy





Extended Period of Stay at Hong Bee Warehouse

The Artists Village obtained permission and paid to extend the use of Hong Bee Warehouse after the end of The Space on 21 June. The Temporary Occupation License issued by the Urban Redevelopment Authority on state land at the former Hong Bee Warehouse ended on Friday, 8 Jan 1993, when the building was slated for demolition soon after. A few artists created new works during that period, they were Zai Kuning, Dominique Hui for The New Criteria at The Substation; and Tang Da Wu for New Art From Southeast Asia 1992.

After "The Space" by Zai Kuning

The New Criteria, The Substation, Singapore



Under The Table All Going One Direction,

New Art From Southeast Asia 1992, Tokyo Metropolitan Artspace/ Fukuoka Art Museum/ Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art/ Kirin Plaza Osaka, Japan

