

Showcase of Czech glass art

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(From left) Studio Createam director Ladislav Kopescky handing over a token of appreciation to Zahariah. Looking on are Hykl and Galeri Petronas director Joseph Edwin.

PROMINENT glass artists from the Czech Republic are showcasing 22 pieces of artwork at Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur in an exhibition titled “Concerto Glassico: The Czech Art of Glass”.

Held for the first time outside the Czech Republic, the exhibition features the works of glassmakers Stanislav Libenský and Jaroslava Brychtová, Vladimír Kopecký, Vladimír Procházka, Jaroslav Svoboda, Marian Karel, Oldich Plíva, Petr Hora, Pavel Hlava, Vladimír Klein, Frantisek Janák, Jiří Pacinek and Tomáš Hlavíka.



Cube LMS by Marian Karel, 1980.

Speaking at the launch of the exhibition, Petronas Group strategic communications senior general manager Zahariah Abdul Rahman said the gallery's Corporate Cultural Diplomacy programme featured exhibitions such as this one as part of its efforts to continue fostering and strengthening inter-cultural relationship and understanding.



Pačinek (left) explaining his artwork to guests during the launch.

"To us, as a fully-integrated oil and gas multinational corporation operating in more than 50 countries, deep understanding and appreciation of cultural diversities are of paramount importance."

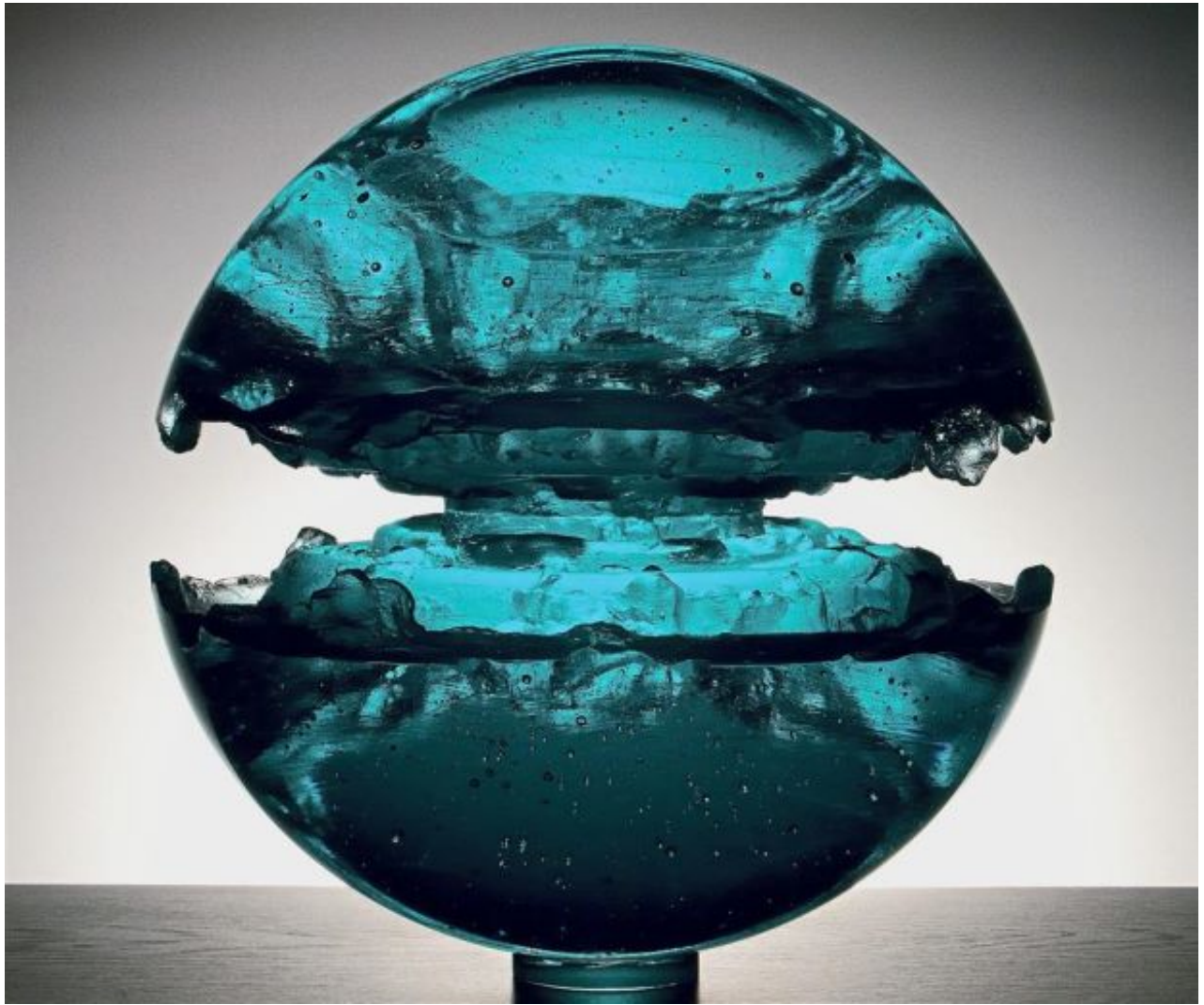
"We hope this relationship will lead to similar cultural exchanges and collaborations in the future to create a more holistic society through the promotion of innovation and creativity," she said.'



Bud by Pavel Hlava, 1998.

Also present at the launch was Czech Republic ambassador to Malaysia Rudolf Hykl.

Curated by Miroslav Vojtchovský, the exhibition seeks to highlight glass sculptures as a contemporary, artistic endeavour which combines craft with the Bohemian glass-art tradition.



Reflection by Vladimír Procházka, 2012

Concerto Glassico: The Czech Art of Glass is open for public viewing at Galeri Petronas, Level 3, Suria KLCC until June 11. Admission is free.