Exhibition to feature paintings by talented duo

DALAT: Work of two talented local artists will be on display at an art exhibition at Lamin Dana in Kampung Sri Tellian here from April 19-29.

The exhibition entitled ‘If You Don’t Know Me By Now’ by Leonard Darimi and his wife Aliza Anthony Abet will be held in conjunction with the annual Mukah Kaul 2012 beach festival at Kala Dana here.

Leonard, who holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Arts from UiTM, said the exhibition aimed at depicting the “belum” or “dakan” (Dalat and Mukah Melanau dialect respectively) doll for viewers to see and study based on an artist’s expression.

“This is also in line with our effort to apply the image and meaning of dolls in modern art concept,” he said yesterday.

Leonard said he and Aliza would like to show and share with the present generation, especially the Melanau, the evidence on early Melanau civilisation incorporating spiritual aspects related to the dolls.

His works are produced on canvas with oil painting and his collections included “The Overlapping Canvas with Idol Image” measuring 150cm x 120cm.

Meanwhile, Aliza who holds a Masters degree in Art Education from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) in Tanjong Malim, produced her works on canvas with acrylic. One of her best pieces is “Pulang Petang” (Returning in the afternoon) measuring 150cm x 230cm.

Leonard is currently working at SMK Bandar Bintangor while Aliza is attached to Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Rajang.

Into dolls: Leonard taking a break while producing one of his artworks (behind him) at home.