Graffiti king helps beautify city

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KUCHING: King of graffiti is in town. Lithuanian artist Ernest Zacharevic left his mark with his beautiful painting of ‘Orang Utans’ across historical India Street here yesterday.

The two lively paintings, namely ‘Orang Utans’ showing a group of Orang Utans sitting on the wheelbarrow, while another ‘Orang Utan’, depicting an Orang Utan quenching its thirst by drinking a pack of water.

Ernest was sponsored by Spago Property Sdn Bhd to come over to Kuching to add some colours in the cities historical site.

Despite the hot sunny weather, Ernest managed to complete his artwork in almost five hours’ time.

Crowds were seen filling the place and passersby took the opportunity to take photographs of themselves immersed in the paintings displayed on the wall behind them while Ernest was doing the paintings.

Ernest’s cool, yet beautiful and creative artworks have been appreciated by many people around the world, the amazing murals are seen across the streets in Penang, Singapore, Italy, and Norway.

Meanwhile, Kuching North City Commission (DBKU) Mayor, Datuk Haji Abang Abdul Wahap Abang Julai, who is out of the country, messaged to New Sarawak Tribune that he was all for the drawings of Ernest Zacheraevic as it was in line with the Clean, Beautiful and Safe (CBS) city concept.

He said he would even like to meet Ernest in person if the opportunity arose.

He said that since last year, he had been trying to introduce street artists like Ernest to Lim Kok Wing and Universiti of Teknologi Mar a (UITM) but there had yet been any official approval.

He added that if anything was good for Kuching City that could boost its tourism potential, he was all for it.

“At least, Ernest could help put Kuching on the Art Map and his work will surely brighten up the city,” said Wahap.
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