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The Soemardja Gallery was established in its current location in 1993. As an **oldest university gallery in Indonesia**, the Soemardja Gallery serves as an educational complement to the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB) Department of Fine Art and as a **cultural resource for the institute and Bandung arts communities**. Soemardja Gallery is the oldest university

gallery in Indonesia and in Bandung. Founded in 1974, the gallery is named after the late Syaife'i Soemardja, one of the architect of art education system in Indonesia.

As part of an educational institution, initially the gallery is a place for the academic circles of ITB to exhibit their works. Nowadays, it is **a place for contemporary art exhibitions and for the students to learn and study the management of exhibitions and art programmes through curatorial and volunteering works**. To stimulate a wider general public on contemporary art issues, Soemardja Gallery also holds art programmes such as discussions, seminars and workshops by artists and art experts in the national, regional and international fields. The gallery also accommodates other visual art practices, including **industrial design, architecture, craft, photography, and visual culture** in general.

Soemardja Gallery regularly runs art programmes and exhibitions in co-operation with local, regional, international artists, various cultural foundation, and art institutions.

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