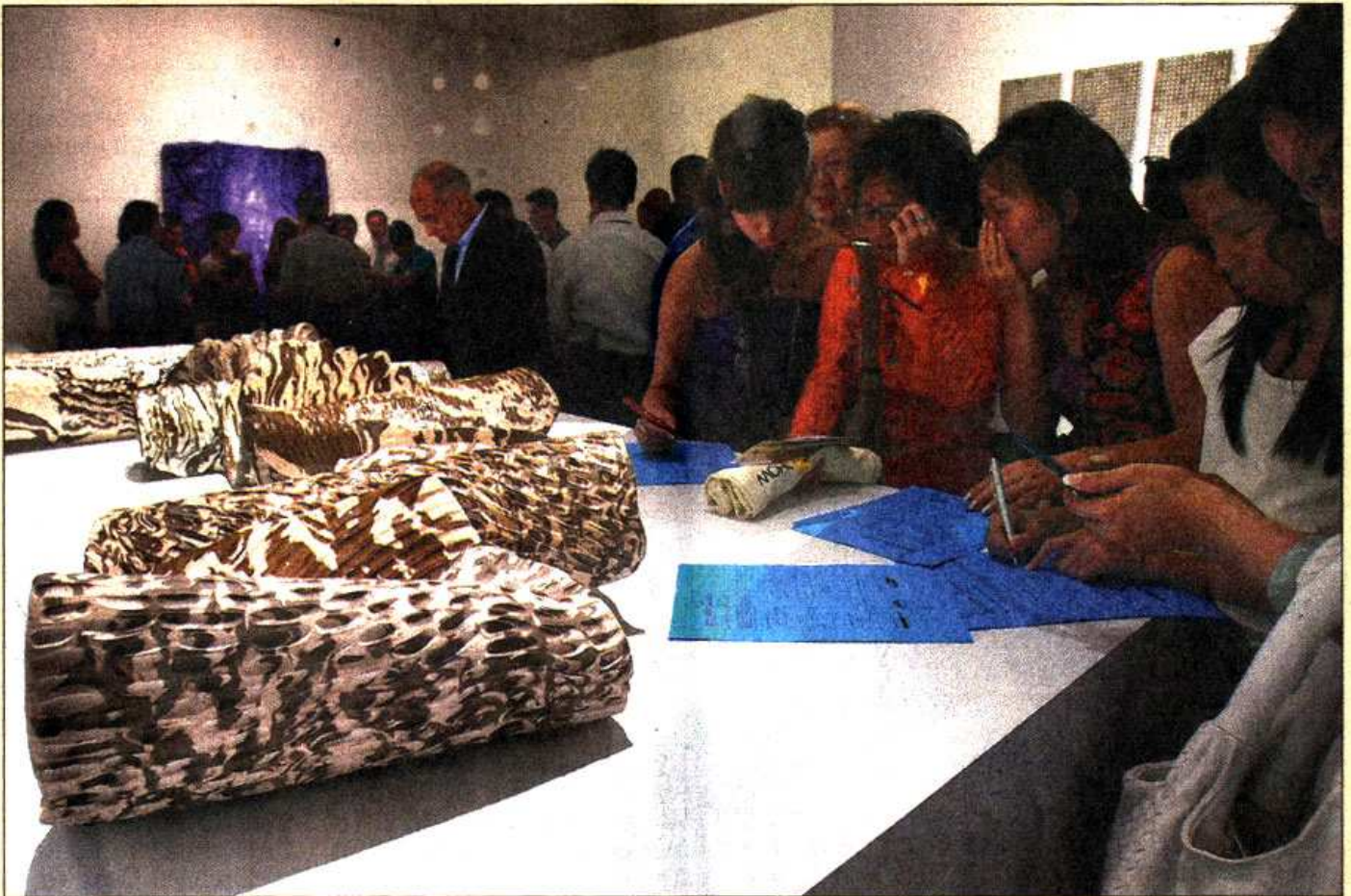




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VOTING FOR ART

Visitors at the launch of the Singapore Art Show yesterday fill in forms to vote for their favourite art pieces, among which were Jason Lim's artwork,

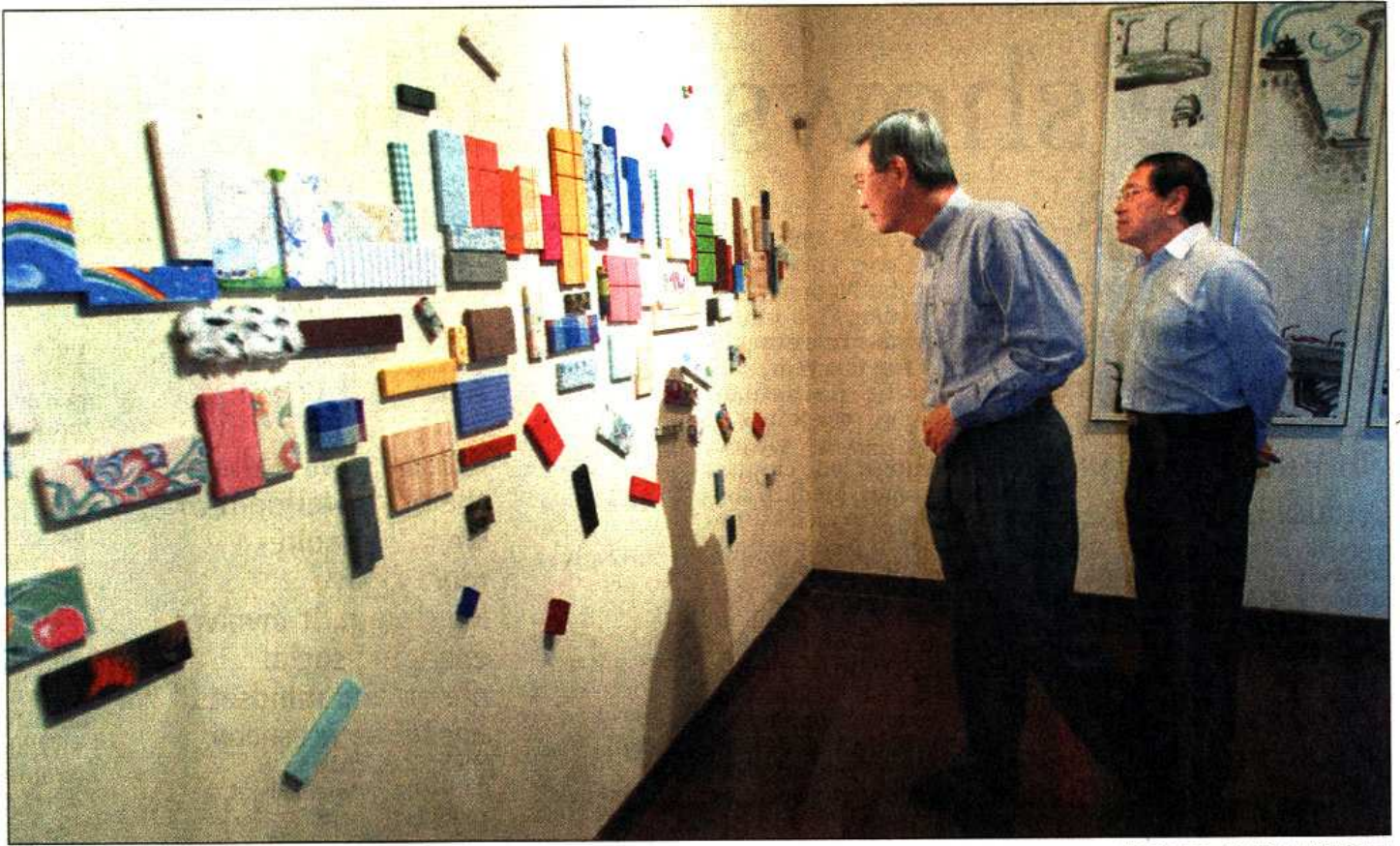
A River Runs Through It (above), which is in the form of a wavy ceramic piece.

The show was launched by Information, Communications and the Arts Minister Lee Boon Yang at the Singapore Art Museum.

The art show will offer visual arts feasts in 47 locations islandwide until Oct 8.

More than 700 works by 400 artists will go on show at the Singapore Art Exhibition at the museum, and 31 partner programmes.

ART SHOW OPENS WITH SWIRL OF BATIK, HOME H10



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A PLATFORM FOR LOCAL ARTISTS: Dr Lee Boon Yang (left) and National Arts Council chairman Lee Suan Hiang taking in the visual arts feast at the opening of the Singapore Art Show at the Singapore Art Museum last night.

Art Show opens with swirl of batik

THE Singapore Art Show opened last night at the Singapore Art Museum to a swirl of dancers dressed in batik.

The \$1 million extravaganza will offer visual arts feasts at 47 locations across the island until Oct 8.

All in, more than 700 works by 400 artists will go on show at the Singapore Art Exhibition at the museum and 31 partner programmes.

The show, a platform for local art-

ists, has a smaller budget than the \$8 million Singapore Biennale, which features contemporary artists from around the world.

Both shows are biennial and will alternate.

Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts Lee Boon Yang said the shows were "complementary" and unlikely to merge.

He added: "They alternate so that

we develop Singapore art and remain connected and engaged with international art."

In his speech to about 300 people, he noted that there were more than 20,000 arts activities last year, more than twice the number in 1996.

One in three Singaporeans also took in at least one arts and cultural activity a year, he added.

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