ART WORKS DONATED TO SMU

Paintings of old shophouses, narrow alleys and historic sites now adorn the walls of the Singapore Management University's (SMU) Lee Kong Chian School of Business.

Famed local artist and award winner Chua Ek Kay (right) yesterday donated the paintings to SMU, located at Stamford Road.

Worth $300,000 in total, the paintings depict street scenes from the last 20 years.

The 30 works of art provide a respite from the clinical lines of the skyscrapers and the bustle of the city crowd outside.

Visitors are encouraged to look at and critique the paintings.

The 1999 winner of the Cultural Medallion — which recognises artistic talent and achievement — said he has been developing his street scene series for more than 20 years.

"For a while now, I've been hoping to invite a critical examination of these pieces of art," said the China-born 59-year-old.