Give peace bed a chance

A NEW feature has been added to Singapore Management University (SMU)’s campus: A double bed that passersby are encouraged to hop into with anyone they like.

No, it’s not what you think. It’s artist Lee Wen’s installation piece *Give Peace a Chance Redux*, part of the school’s third annual arts and cultural festival.

Lee will be joined by fellow artists like Justin Lee, classical music group T’ang Quartet and former Singapore Dance Theatre dancer and choreographer Ricky Sim.

This year marks the first time the festival has a visual arts component, which includes art being done in the toilets.

The festival was curated by the students themselves, partly in an effort to revitalise an event they felt was getting a bit sterile and predictable.

Leonard Lin, president of the Arts & Cultural Fraternity said: “We chose the theme Ctrl/Alt/Del because those are the keys to refresh your computer and we wanted to refresh the festival.”

As for Lee’s work, it is a replica of John Lennon and Yoko Ono’s 1969 Bed-In project to protest the Vietnam War.

Because the SMU festival was launched on the fifth anniversary of 911 and the school will celebrate International Peace Day on Sept 21, Lee thought the work was apt.

Those who try out the bed can watch a programme on Lennon and Ono’s work.

— DAVID CHEW

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