Get free art pieces along S’pore River

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If you are walking along the southern bank of the Singapore River today and find labelled art pieces displayed on shop windows and at public spaces, feel free to take them home.

The art giveaway, which is being held for the first time, is to raise awareness of an art show organised by The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) Singapore, one of the Singapore Institute of Technology’s overseas university partners.

The school, which will see its first batch of graduating students this year, is having its annual art show known as The Dark Horse at Home Club, at Upper Circular Road, at 6pm today.

The school is hoping that the art pieces being displayed will pique interest about the artists so people will visit the art show and perhaps even buy art pieces.

Students will be exhibiting and putting their work up for sale, and all proceeds will go to victims of the recent Typhoon Haiyan which left thousands of people dead in the Philippines.

GSA Singapore students, who are celebrating their 100 days in the school in conjunction with the art show, will each put up an original art piece between South Bridge Road and Fullerton Road as a giveaway.

Some 120 pieces will be displayed. Director of GSA Singapore Frazier Macdonald Hay, 44, said the school is hoping the giveaway would create a “conversation within the community”.

He explained: “If the members of the public put up the art pieces in their homes, take photos of it and send them to our school, we would already be more than happy.”

Student Justin Liew, 22, said: “I’m excited and nervous. We’ve been planning the event for almost four months now, so we have a lot of responsibilities…”

Mr Liew will be displaying a time-lapse photograph he took from the top of Shaw Towers which overlooks the National Library Building.