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This painting by an inmate, called "Shh! No Recession! See No Recession! Speak No Recession! Hear No Recession!", won a distinction grading at the Yellow Ribbon Art Competition held yesterday. PHOTOS: SINGAPORE PRISON SERVICE

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A GUARANTEED roof over their heads and three square meals a day do not mean prisoners here are oblivious to the pressures of the free world outside.

This was aptly shown in one inmate's painting called "Shh! No Recession! See No Recession! Speak No Recession! Hear No Recession!", which won a distinction grading at a prison art competition held yesterday.

His artwork is one of 30 pieces to be showcased at the Yellow Ribbon Community Art Exhibition, which will be held at the Singapore Art Museum along Bras Basah Road in September.

Proceeds from the sales of the artworks will be donated to charity.

The original pieces were done by 44 inmates from different prisons, shortlisted from 454 such artworks done for the Yellow Ribbon Art Competition.

The prisoners whose pieces were shortlisted got to spend an hour with their families yesterday



A prisoner, whose painting was shortlisted for exhibition, and his mum attending the first-ever Family Art Workshop yesterday at Kaki Bukit Centre (Prison School).

afternoon creating acrylic paintings at an art workshop in the Kaki Bukit Centre (Prison School) near Bedok.

The competition is part of the Yellow Ribbon Project, aimed at

rehabilitating and reintegrating prisoners and former convicts back into society.

This is the first time a workshop for the prisoners and their families is being held during the competition.