POPULAR CHINESE ARTIST AND ENVIRONMENTALIST VISITS GHIYASUDHEEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Mr. Yuan Xikun, the prominent Chinese artist, curator, environmentalist and the founder of the very first private museum in China: Jin Tai Art Museum in Beijing visited Ghiyasudheen International School yesterday.

Principal of Ghiyasudheen International School Mr. Thoha Saleem welcomed the artist and his team. In his visit Mr. Yuan addressed the students about his work and also demonstrated sculptures prepared by him. About 450 students from grades 4 to 6 took part in the event. At the event famous singer of China Ms Yuanyuan Liu who is also visiting Maldives with Mr Yuan performed for the students, where she interacted with the students and sang a Chinese song along with them.

Art pieces drawn by the students were presented as tokens of gratitude to Mr. Yuan and his team. This special visit to the school ended with a cultural performance by the students. Mr. Yuan and his team also viewed drawings by the students of Ghiyasudheen School which were displayed around the school hall.

The miniature sculptures "Urgency in the Polar region" and "Patron Saint of Forest-Tiger" were selected as the "Champion of the earth" award trophies by the United Nations Environment Programme in the year 2009 and 2010. Mr. Yuan was awarded the title 'Patron for the arts and Environment" by the Executive Director of UNEP under UN during the Shanghai World Expo 2010 in recognition of his contribution to his environmental work and social responsibly as an artist.