

CIGE 2009 established partnership with CAS

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Recently the sixth China International Gallery Exposition (CIGE 2009) achieved the partnership with European non-profit art institution CAS (Contemporary Art Society). The bilateral cooperation will create new communication opportunities between CIGE and CAS through a series of processes, such as mutually publicizing, inviting European collectors, artists, art enthusiasts to attend CIGE 2009 will be put into practice, with the purpose of improving artistic communication between Far East and Europe.

CAS

CAS (Contemporary Art Society) is the national non-profit agency that supports contemporary artists through the promotion of collecting and commissioning by individuals, and public and private bodies across the UK since 1909.

www.contemporaryartsociety.org

CIGE

CIGE is the shortening of China International Gallery Exposition. The first CIGE was launched in 2004 in Beijing. Through the developments in the past five years, CIGE has been considered as one of the top contemporary and modern art fairs in Asia. The upcoming CIGE 2009 will be held between April 16-19, 2009, in the China World Trade Center, Beijing.

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CIGE 2009 European trip

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The Organizing Committee of the sixth edition of the China International Gallery Exposition (CIGE 2009) has recently come back to Beijing from a trip to Europe.

During the period of four weeks, CIGE Organizing Committee visited several art galleries and art institutions in countries such as Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy, in order to promote CIGE in Europe and strengthen the relation with European contemporary art galleries and museums. This visit proved to be positive and full of fruitful results. Most of the members of the Art Expert Committee of CIGE 2009 for the special project MAPPING ASIA have been appointed. The trip was fundamental to develop knowledge and confidence towards CIGE and Chinese contemporary art market among art professionals in Europe.

Furthermore, CIGE Organizing Committee also visited some of the most important art fairs in Europe as Frieze (London), Fiac (Paris), Art Forum (Berlin), and Artissima (Turin). The trip presented great chances of communication with western professionals on issues of sustainability and development of contemporary art in the current economic situation. It contributed to establish a wide network of

communication and contacts between China and Europe as well as built a solid platform of long-term collaboration between CIGE and the European contemporary art industry.

Relevant links:

CIGE 2009 special project MAPPING ASIA and Art Expert Committee

The whole 2nd floor with 3 000 square meters of the Exhibition Hall of the China World Trade Center will exclusively host a number of solo shows of young and emerging artists from Asia. The projects are realized in collaboration with art galleries. During CIGE 2009 Preview the exhibited projects will be evaluated by an international Art Expert Committee, which will act as jury to choose and announce the 3 most interesting ones in occasion of CIGE 2009 Opening Preview.

The member list of the Art Expert Committee will be announced soon.

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CIGE 2009

As one of premier contemporary art fairs in Asia, CIGE 2009 will take place in April 16-19, 2009 in China World Trade Center, Beijing. The fair will showcase 80 selected outstanding galleries: 15% from Mainland China, 70% from Asia and 30% from other regions of the world according to the stat. in CIGE 2008.

CIGE 2009 will also present curated art projects such as **MAPPING ASIA** focus on young talented artists in Asia; **VIDEO LOOPS** will present video, film and documentary screening programs by emerging as well as established artists; **SUBLIMINALS** will present not-for-sale projects realized by not-for-profit art organizations; last but not least, the brand new project: **INTERNATIONAL SOLO SHOWS** will invite artists in residency in Beijing and work towards the realization of site-specific projects in CIGE 2009.

We are cordially looking forward for your arrival in CIGE 2009. For info about the fair on www.cige-bj.com .