



PRESS RELEASE
**Kim En Joong exhibition at BGL BNP Paribas’
Private Banking Centre “d’Villa”**

BGL BNP Paribas’ Private Banking Centre “d’Villa” is hosting an exhibition of works by Kim En Joong, the internationally renowned painter, ceramist and stained-glass artist, from 16 November 2011 to 20 January 2012.

Kim En Joong was born in South Korea in 1940. He discovered calligraphy at the age of 16 and gravitated toward the graphic arts, entering the Fine Arts School of Seoul in 1959. During his studies, he attended French classes given by the Missions Etrangères de Paris missionary organisation. This experience developed his interest in Europe and France and he soon decided to study western painting.

A singular artist and a man of faith for whom painting is a sacred art, Kim En Joong is known the world over as a reformer of Christian art. Priest-artist or artist-priest, above all he is a painter of light, of the inexpressible and indivisible. His painting, in the abstract landscape tradition, lifts the veil on a world of beauty and spirituality, revealing an incandescent inspiration and beckoning believers and non-believers alike to a place where art and faith are intimately linked.

BGL BNP Paribas is organising the exhibition as part of its cultural sponsorship policy. The company has long supported the arts by holding exhibitions and through sponsorship and cultural partnerships.

The exhibition runs from 16 November 2011 to 20 January 2012

BGL BNP PARIBAS, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg

Mondays to Fridays, 9 am to 4 pm

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