

Consulate General of India  
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**Brief on Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery**

Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery was founded by Zhejiang Provincial Committee of China Association for Promoting Democracy on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1999. It is a Public Art Group set up by Zhejiang Provincial Department of Culture and Zhejiang Provincial Department of Civil Affairs.

2. Mr. Wu Shenming, the Professor of China Academy of Art is the Director and **Mr. Shen Shu serves as the Executive Deputy Director and Secretary General**. There are about 300 leading artists which are its members and they specialized in Chinese painting.

3. It may be noted that in 2007, Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery sent a 40 member artists delegation to visit India. Upon their return to China these artists (including Secretary General Shen Shu) spent one full year compiling and creating art works on their impressions of India, **which was subsequently organized under a photo exhibit titled “Visit India” in 2008 in Hangzhou.**

4. Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery also hosted an exhibition of Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore paintings and about his visit to China **in December 2011.**

5. **In preparation of the G20 Summit and given their strong connection with India it was proposed by the Kaiming Art Gallery’s Secretary General Shen Shu that they would like to present an oil portrait of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on the sidelines of the G20.**

6. **Since March 2016, artist Shen Shu has spent nearly 4 months preparing this portrait in honour of the visiting Indian Prime Minister.**

7. It is expected that Secretary General of Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery (and painter of Hon’ble Prime Minister’s portrait) Prof. Shen Shu along with Mr. Cai Xiujun, President of Zhejiang Kaiming Art Gallery, will jointly present the painting to Hon’ble Prime Minister.