VISUAL ARTS

Visual arts are the forms of art that uses forms, texture, lines, and colour to create things which communicate ideas, give pleasure to the mind and satisfies our sense of beauty. They include ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, craft, photography, video, filmmaking, architecture, industrial design, graphic design, fashion design, interior design, decorative art, etc.

Visual art can also be called Fine and Applied Art, since it is made of the fine arts (e.g. drawing, painting, etc.) and the applied arts (e.g. ceramics, graphics, etc.)

Fine Art

Fine arts are the kind of visual art that are more concerned with the making of beautiful objects or the making of objects beautiful. They include: drawing and painting, sculpture, and architecture.

Painting and Drawing: is simply the making of objects on paper or any other surface using lines, shapes, forms, and colour. It includes picture, still-life, animal and plant life, portrait, and mural-wall decoration.

Sculpture: involves moulding or modelling and casting, and carving of objects, figures, etc.

Architectural Design: includes drawing and painting of plans for houses, (or estates or cities) in their various projections.

Applied (or Industrial Art)

Applied art is the kind of visual art that makes art object that do not only functions to please our sense of beauty but also makes objects that can be used in other regard. For example, ceramics makes flower vases, which apart from being appealing to our sense of beauty could be used to cultivate a flower. They include graphics, textiles, ceramics, metal work, etc.

Graphics: includes drawing and designing of posters, greeting cards, advertisements and the various methods of printing and photography.

Textile Design: includes designing of patterns of clothes as well as printing of the designs on fabric, making batik and tie-dyeing as well as cloth weaving.

Ceramics: involves moulding and firing of pots and utensils, making wall and floor tiles, bottles and glassware.

Metalwork: includes metal design, jewellery – making of necklaces, earrings, anklets, bracelets and bangles, making of pendants, medals and trophies.