



PROFESSOR Sharom Ahmat (standing) making his speech. Second from right is Syed Tajudeen. — ECHOPIC.



## Art exhibition at Penang Museum

PENANG, Tues. — Professor Sharom Ahmat, of the Universiti Sains Malaysia, today opened a one-man exhibition of artist Syed Tajudeen at the Penang Museum today.

Most of our local artists, he said, pursued their studies either in Europe or in China.

"And this is the first time that an artist has undertaken to learn the technique and process of this art from India," added Professor Sharom.

"That is why this exhibition can be considered as unique," he continued.

And this exhibition is one of the ways to spread this art here. He hoped that Syed Tajudeen would not be complacent with his work but strive for greater success.

### 27 PAINTINGS

The museum, he added, has always given the opportunity for our local artists to display their paintings there and this was indeed a good sign.

About 27 paintings are currently being exhibited at the museum. It is open to the public till May 19.

A nine-piece painting of

Ramayana costs \$10,000. It took two years in the making. Other paintings range from \$50 to \$400.

Syed Tajudeen was born in India in 1943, but came to Malaysia at the age of 12. He had his pre-university education at the Madurai University in India from 1967 to 1968.

In 1968 to 1973, he joined the Government College of Arts and Crafts. He completed his diploma in painting with First Class honours.

From 1973 to 1974, he obtained his Diploma in muraling.

He is presently attached to MARA School of Art and Design, MARA Institute of Technology, Shah Alam.