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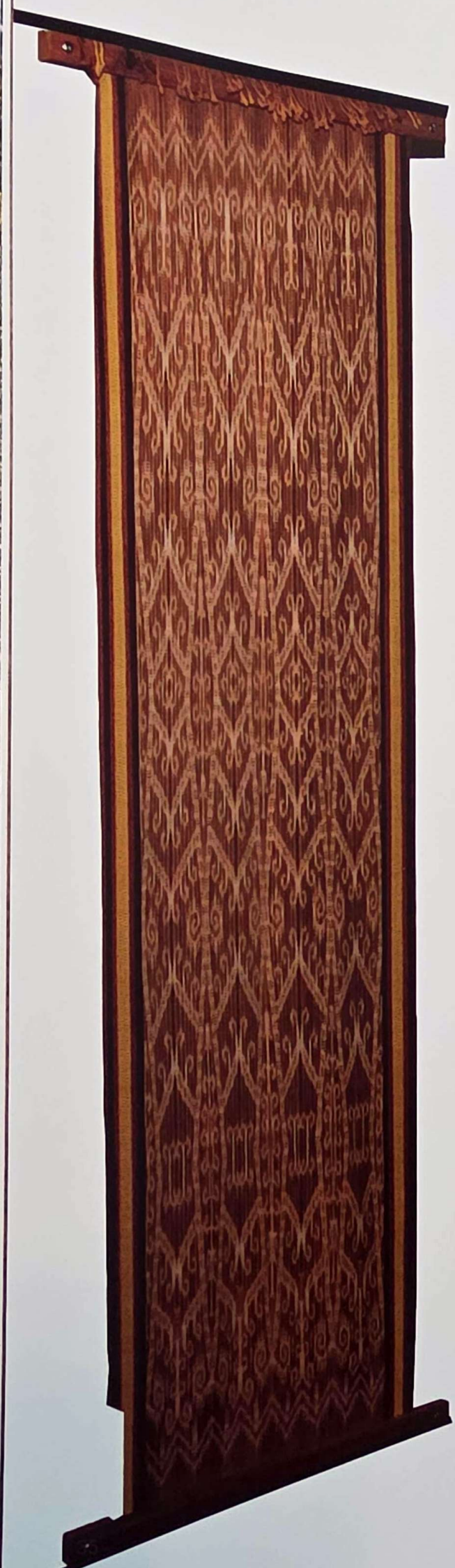
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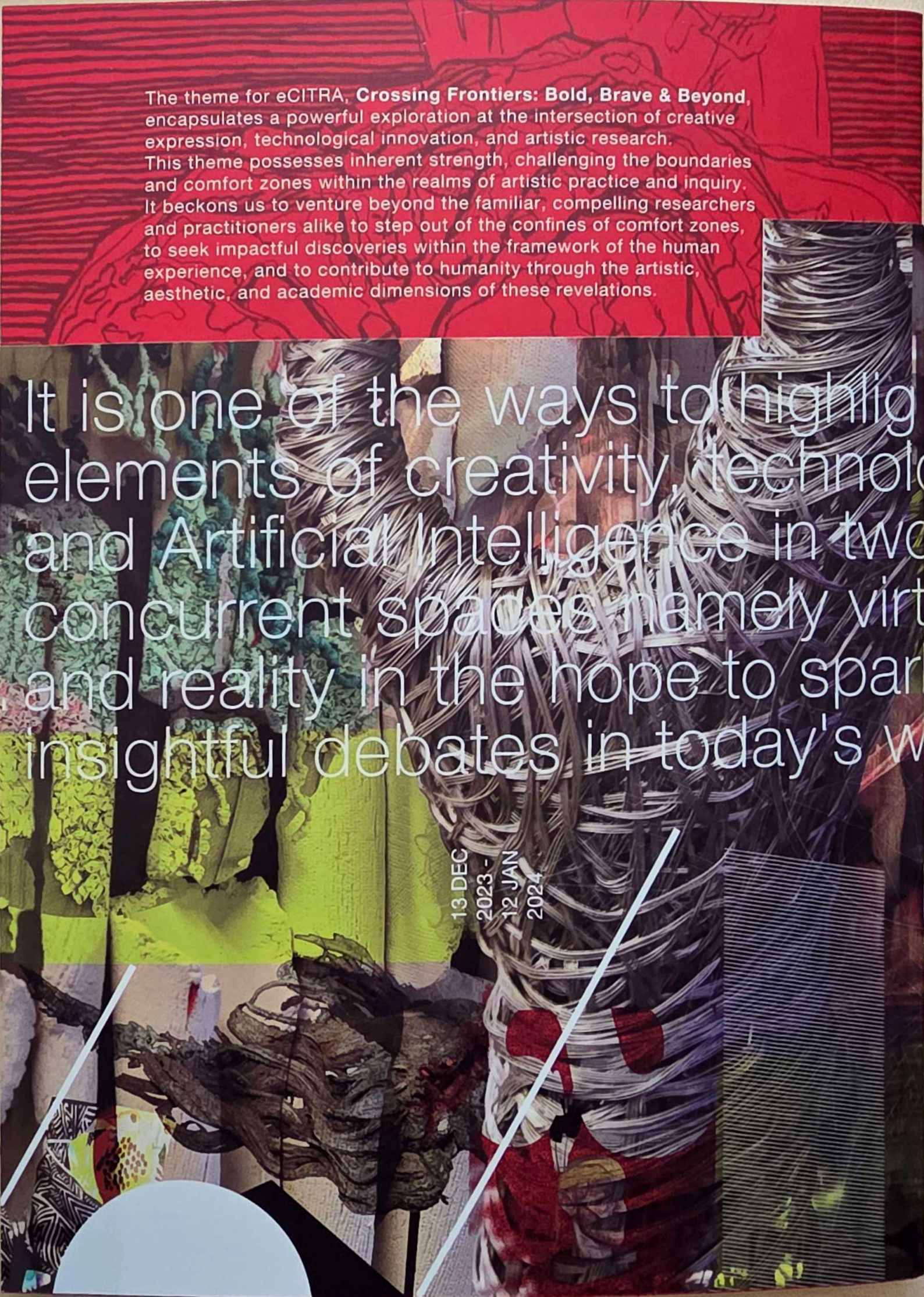


# VISUAL CULTURE OF IBAN PUA KUMBU

*Pua Kumbu*, also known as *Pua Kebat*, holds a special place in the life of the Iban people. In the past, it was of immense importance in Iban culture, so much so that there was a widely accepted saying that an Iban family without a *Pua Kumbu* would be considered disconnected from their cultural roots.

The Iban people followed heritage beliefs that placed a strong emphasis on rituals, many of which required the use of *Pua Kumbu* in significant quantities. While originally used as blankets, *Pua Kumbu* evolved into sacred objects used during Gawai rituals. They were even employed to greet the severed heads of enemies taken by Iban warriors. The motifs on *Pua Kumbu* were regarded as sacred, possessing mystical and extraordinary powers to protect weavers, their families, and homes from the threat of evil spirits. In the exhibited piece, the artists have incorporated large motifs, including human and animal images, as well as representations of flora and fauna.

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The theme for eCITRA, **Crossing Frontiers: Bold, Brave & Beyond**, encapsulates a powerful exploration at the intersection of creative expression, technological innovation, and artistic research. This theme possesses inherent strength, challenging the boundaries and comfort zones within the realms of artistic practice and inquiry. It beckons us to venture beyond the familiar, compelling researchers and practitioners alike to step out of the confines of comfort zones, to seek impactful discoveries within the framework of the human experience, and to contribute to humanity through the artistic, aesthetic, and academic dimensions of these revelations.

It is one of the ways to highlight elements of creativity, technology and Artificial Intelligence in two concurrent spaces namely virtual and reality in the hope to spark insightful debates in today's world.

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