

EY announces Top Nominees for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 Malaysia awards

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 OCTOBER 2014 – EY announced tonight the Top Nominees for this year’s EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (EOY) Malaysia Awards at a cocktail ceremony co-hosted by one of the world’s leading financial services provider, Credit Suisse AG. The 16 Top Nominees in the Emerging, Technology, Woman and Master categories were determined by an independent panel of judges guided by a set of judging criteria that is consistently applied globally by the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year (EOY) programme.

Dato’ Abdul Rauf Rashid, Country Managing Partner of EY Malaysia said, “We in EY are delighted to produce the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year awards programme to recognize and celebrate the vision, passion and accomplishments of the extraordinary men and women, whose entrepreneurial spirit have made a difference to their community and nation. These entrepreneurs have helped create employment and generate industry growth, and are a key driving force in the economic development of the nation. In today’s increasingly challenging global environment, it is these entrepreneurs who steer us forward with their ability to innovate and persevere along the challenging journey from start-up to market leadership, and ultimately, inspire us with their achievements and success.”

Philip Rao, Advisory Partner at EY Malaysia, and Programme Director of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Malaysia Awards shared, “This year marks the 13th year that we have run the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year awards programme in Malaysia, and we are gratified that there is still a high level of interest in the programme. Indeed, the number of nominations that we received this year is one of the highest in the history of the EOY Malaysia programme and we are particularly pleased by the number of nominations received for the Woman Entrepreneur category. It is timely that more women entrepreneurs are stepping forward to be recognized. More important than the quantity is the quality of the nominees, and we are pleased that the nominees have met the high standards of our global criteria. It was a tough job for the panel of judges to determine this year’s Top Nominees, but we can be assured that any one of these Top Nominees will do the country proud on a world stage.”

The EOY 2014 Malaysia Top Nominees are:

Emerging Entrepreneur category

- Y Bhg Dato’ Chevy Beh (拿督马彦山) – BP Diagnostic Centre Sdn Bhd
- Y Bhg Dato’ Lawrence Teo (拿督赵智丰) – I Synergy Universal Sdn Bhd
- Y Bhg Dato’ Calvin Khiu Fu Siang (拿督邱芋詠) – MK Wedding Sdn Bhd
- Mr Timothy Tiah (陈有添) – Nom Nom Media Sdn Bhd

Technology Entrepreneur category

- Mr Ivan Teh (郑凯文) – Fusionex Corp Sdn Bhd
- Mr Seah Kian Hoe (谢建豪) – Heng Hiap Industries Sdn Bhd

- Mr Liew Choon Lian (刘春联) – MDT Innovations Sdn Bhd

Woman Entrepreneur category

- Ms Pat Liew – BTC Clothier Sdn Bhd
- Ms Jerrene Pang (潘小云) – Coolblog Group of Companies
- Ms Ebby Loo (吕金珠) – Euro-Atlantic Sdn Bhd
- Ms Anne Kung (龚世琼) – Instacom Engineering Sdn Bhd
- Ms Adelaine Foo (胡丽筠) – The Otomotif College Sdn Bhd
- Dr Soraya Ismail – Vitality Boost Sdn Bhd

Master Entrepreneur category

- Y Bhg Datuk Tan Say Jim (拿督 陳斯任) – IRIS Corporation Bhd
- Y Bhg Dato' Kho Kak Beng (拿督 许甲明) – KKB Engineering Bhd
- Mr Goh Peng Ooi (吴炳炜) – Silverlake Axis Ltd

Winners of the four category awards as well as the coveted EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 Malaysia award will be announced and celebrated at a gala event in December 2014. The Malaysian EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 will then join country award recipients from around the globe in Monte Carlo in June 2015 to compete for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year (WEOY) 2015 award.

The Top Nominees were selected by an independent panel of judges guided by a set of globally benchmarked criteria. The EY EOY 2014 Malaysia panel of judges comprised the following:

- En Malek Ali, Founder / Managing Director, BFM Media Sdn Bhd
- Ms Ong Li Lee, Director of Securities Market, Bursa Malaysia Bhd
- Y Bhg Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat, Executive Chairman, Dialog Group Bhd
- Y Bhg Tan Sri A K Nathan, Chairman / Group Managing Director, Eversendai Corporation Bhd
- Y Bhg Datuk Dr Rebecca Sta Maria, Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- Dr Karl Ng, Director of Innovation Capital, Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MDeC)
- Y Bhg Dato' Hazimah Zainuddin, Yang DiPertua of Peniagaawati Malaysia and Founder / Managing Director of Hyrax Oil
- Dr Chia Song Kun, Group Managing Director, QL Resources Bhd
- Y Bhg Datuk Mohd Radzif Mohd Yunus, Managing Director, SME Development Bank Malaysia Bhd

The EOY 2014 Malaysia Awards programme is also proud to have these organisations on board in support of entrepreneurship:

- ASTRO Awani
- BFM 89.9
- Bits and Pixels Sdn Bhd
- Bursa Malaysia Bhd
- Credit Suisse AG
- Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC)

- Nanyang Siang Pau Sdn Bhd
- The Edge
- The Peak

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