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Ernst & Young announces Top Nominees of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] 2012 Malaysia awards

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 OCTOBER 2012 – Ernst & Young announced tonight the Top Nominees of this year's Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] (EOY) Malaysia Awards at a function co-hosted by Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia.

At the event attended by leaders of the Malaysian business community, the spotlight was shone on 12 game-changing Malaysian entrepreneurs who have continued to drive sustainable growth and job creation across the country. The 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 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year programme.

The EOY 2012 Malaysia Top Nominees are:

Emerging Entrepreneur category

- Wong Kee Wei, Safetyware Sdn Bhd
- Joel Neoh, Youth Asia Sdn Bhd

Technology Entrepreneur category

- Wong Weng Yew, Extreme Broadband Sdn Bhd
- Norman Abdul Halim, KRU Studios Sdn Bhd
- Ganesh Kumar Bangah, MOL AccessPortal Sdn Bhd

Woman Entrepreneur category

- Lisa Fong, Oscar Footwear Marketing Sdn Bhd
- Teh Lip Kim, Selangor Dredging Berhad
- Choi Wei Yee, Sunlight Taxi Group of Companies

Master Entrepreneur category

- Andrew Reddy, Chaswood Resources Sdn Bhd
- Brandon Tay, Guan Chong Berhad
- Y. Bhg. Dato' Liaw Choon Liang, Focus Point Holdings Berhad
- Dr. Chia Song Kun, QL Resources Bhd

Rauf Rashid, Country Managing Partner, Malaysia, Ernst & Young said, "We are proud to honour these extraordinary individuals and celebrate their achievements. There are few areas where entrepreneurs and their entrepreneurial spirit have not made a difference to the community and country. They help generate employment and industry growth, and are a key driving force in the economic development of the nation."

"Through the EOY Awards programme, we hope to promote principled entrepreneurial excellence and showcase the Malaysian entrepreneurial spirit on a global stage. In these 12 Top Nominees, we see individuals who have the ability to ignite ideas, to innovate, to drive a business along the difficult journey from start-up to market leadership, and ultimately, inspire others with their achievements and success," added Philip Rao, Ernst & Young Partner and Programme Director of the Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards programme.

Addressing the audience, Saif Malik, Managing Director of Origination & Client Coverage (OCC) and Co-Head of Wholesale Banking, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia said: "We are delighted to co-host the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2012 Top Nominees Announcement event. Entrepreneurs have played such a pivotal role in the social and economic development of the country and we are honored to recognise their contribution and celebrate their entrepreneurial spirit. As the first bank in Malaysia, we have supported some of these entrepreneurs in the successful pursuit of their dreams and business aspirations for over 130 years. We look forward to deepening our relationship with them and helping them in the future to leverage growth opportunity across our footprint in Asia, Africa and Middle East."

Winners of the four category awards as well as the coveted Malaysian Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2012 award will be announced and celebrated at a gala event on 6 December 2012. The Malaysian Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2012 will then join country award recipients from around the world in Monte Carlo in June 2013 to compete for the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year award.

For more information about the EOY programme, please visit www.ey.com/my

The 2012 Malaysian EOY Awards programme is proud to have these organisations on board in support of entrepreneurship:

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- ▶ BFM 89.9
- ▶ Bits n Pixels
- ▶ Bursa Malaysia
- ▶ Multimedia Development Corporation (MDec)
- ▶ Nanyang Siang Pau
- ▶ The Edge
- ▶ The Edge Financial Daily
- ▶ The Peak
- ▶ YTL Corporation

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