

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2006
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (INDIVIDUAL)

MR VIKAS GOEL



"I often say that the difference between a dreamer and a visionary is success. My message to today's youth is: Dream, pursue that dream with passion, put in your 100%, stay focused and persistent, success will automatically follow."

The success of Mr Vikas Goel is one of the most impressive entrepreneurship stories in Singapore in recent years.

Born into a wealthy family in India, Vikas left home for Singapore at the age of 26 to work in Sim Lim Square. He quit a month later and spent two weeks distributing copies of his resume from office to office till he found a job as a sales coordinator with a computer parts distributor. Since then, Vikas has risen to be one of the top names in the IT Industry.

In 2000, Vikas founded eSys Technologies Group, a component and Hard Disk Drive (HDD) distribution company. Under his leadership, eSys has grown to become the world's largest hard disk drive distributor with a quarter of the global market share and more than 112 offices in over 33 countries.

eSys has grown rapidly since inception with revenue reaching USD 2 Billion in 2005.



Vikas was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Singapore in 2005 for his exceptional entrepreneurial talent. Vikas had earlier received the Indian Entrepreneur Award in 2004.



Despite his busy schedule, Vikas finds time to share his success story with young students at the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University. eSys is also currently in talks

with Changi Prison to provide vocational training for inmates to help them integrate into the mainstream on their release.

For his entrepreneurial spirit and being an inspirational role model, Mr Vikas Goel is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2006.