

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2006
SPORTS AND ADVENTURE (INDIVIDUAL)

MR RONALD SUSILO



"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little bit extra."

Mr Ronald Susilo is a local sports hero. His name has become synonymous with Singapore badminton. His motto - perseverance and resilience - saw him rise from a school boy to a full time national sportsman.

In 1993, he came to Singapore, after being talent spotted in Indonesia. Through determination and hard work, he won the Under-17 National Schools Championships in 1995 and 1996.

After completing his 'O'levels, Ronald decided to pursue his love for badminton and in 1998, signed up as a professional player with the Singapore Badminton Association (SBA).

In 2002, he represented Singapore, as a Singapore Citizen, in the Commonwealth Games where he clinched a mixed team silver. In the following year, he was one of the top 16 players in the Men's Singles at the World Championships.

In 2004, Ronald scored his first major Men's Singles title when he emerged Champion in the prestigious Japan Open. He also created one of Singapore's most



memorable Olympic moments when he beat the world number one player, Lin Dan from China, in the Athens Olympic Games. Subsequently, he progressed to the last eight in the Men's Singles competition.

In the same year, he reached the semi-finals of the All-England Championships, becoming the first Singaporean in 37 years to do so, and was ranked sixth in the world.



Despite Ronald's busy training schedule, he finds time to coach at the Singapore Open Coaching clinic and in various other schools. He also participated in the President's Star Charity to raise funds for the needy.

For his dedication and inspirational record of sporting excellence, Mr Ronald Susilo is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2006.