

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (INDIVIDUAL)

MR CLINTON ANG



“As leaders of tomorrow, we must live our lives, to inherit the past, to create the present, so there will be a better tomorrow; the best is yet to be.”

At the age of 35, Mr Clinton Ang epitomises the qualities of a young entrepreneur: driven, visionary and a risk-taker. He is the Managing Director of one of the long-standing companies in the wine industry and holds chairmanship in 15 companies.

In 1997, at the behest of his father and grandmother, Clinton left his banking job to take over the ailing family business. Under his leadership, the company was transformed into a one-stop integrated wine business. It also went into research and development of wines and non-alcoholic spirits to develop its own Cornerstone brands. In 2008, the company has an annual turnover of \$20 million.



Clinton has also created an integrated wine fund, which he hopes to position as Asia's largest. He aims to take in stock in a bear market to stabilise prices and offer wine owners a platform to maximise their returns on wine investment.

Clinton's achievements have been recognised by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and the Australian Trade Commission, which made an exception to confer on a non-Australian the Young Achiever Award in 2001.

Clinton believes that the key to business renewal is corporate succession. Since 2003, he has initiated internship programmes with local tertiary institutions, providing training, referrals and scholarships to aspiring entrepreneurs.



Clinton has continued to devote his time and energy to society. He has been a grassroots leader at the Joo Chiat constituency since 2007 and sits on the Tampines Town Council Finance Committee. From 1997 to 2003, he volunteered as a badminton coach for his alma mater – Anglo Chinese School (Barker Road). Since 2006, Clinton has also been offering employment opportunities to inmates and ex-offenders.

For his entrepreneurial spirit and contributions towards the community, Mr Clinton Ang is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2009.