

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009
SPORTS AND ADVENTURE (INDIVIDUAL)

MR KOH SENG LEONG



“Success is not determined by how many medals you win, but how your character is moulded in the process; and throughout that process, how you helped and repaid the communities and people who supported you.”

Mr Koh Seng Leong was one of the few national sailors who qualified for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games on merit. He has made his mark in the Laser Class, having secured the top three placings in the Southeast Asian Games and advancing from the fifth position in 2002 to second position in 2006 in the Asian Games.

As the Sailing team captain in the Southeast Asian and Olympic Games, Seng Leong worked hard at motivating the young athletes to spur them on when they were faced with fierce competition.



In 2006, while recovering from an injury, Seng Leong coached the National Byte Squad even though he could not sail. This demonstrated his resilience in the face of adversity and his passion for sailing. His role as coach was pivotal to the squad in achieving world titles for Singapore during the World Championships held in Bermuda in July 2006.

Seng Leong's outstanding achievements are not limited to sailing alone. An all-rounder, he is currently pursuing a tertiary degree in business management and has started a business in events management. His ability to juggle the rigours of both high-performance sports and studies as well as manage his business truly reflects his determination and strength of character.



In addition, Seng Leong finds time to actively contribute to the community. For example, with three other national sailors, he initiated and organised a fundraising event for Myanmar sailors affected by Cyclone Nargis in 2008. Seng Leong also donated \$5,000 to the Singapore Management University Sports Scholarship

Fund with fellow national sailor Renfred Tay. Beyond sailing, he currently serves as a Board Member of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee, focusing on youth engagement.

For his tenacity and for being an inspirational role model, Mr Koh Seng Leong is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2009.