

## SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2011

### COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL)

#### MR TERENCE CHIA

**“The power of the community lies not just in the passions or actions of an individual. It lies in our collective energies, which are greater than the sum of their parts.”**



Mr Terence Chia is a veteran at community work who has demonstrated an unwavering passion for and commitment to service. He is a firm believer in nurturing and inspiring young people to bring about tangible benefits to the community.

Grateful for the opportunities provided to him through the support of family, friends, mentors and the community, Terence sees a need to give back to society. As such, he has taken on leadership positions in various community and youth organisations to engage youths and serve the community.

Terence began his involvement in community service while in school and was a recipient of the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) (Gold) in 1998. In 2003, he was one of two youths conferred the HSBC Youth Excellence Award by President S R Nathan for his achievements and contributions to the community.

As Chairman of the NYAA Gold Award Holders' Alumni (GAHA) since 2007, Terence steers the planning and execution of various youth initiatives which span diverse areas, from youth-elderly integration and the environment to community engagement and youth mentoring.

Appointed as a Council Member of the National Youth Council since 2007, Terence has been at the forefront of several projects such as the ASEAN+3 Youth Festival (2008) and Youth Olympic Games Youth Engagement Committee (2008 – 2010). In the international arena, Terence led the Singapore delegation at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Voices of the Future Forum 2007 in Sydney.





Terence also volunteers regularly in his personal capacity with Darul Ihsan Orphanage, where he shares his experiences with fellow youths, in the hope of developing their skills, knowledge and character.

For his dedication to community work and for being an inspirational role model, Mr Terence Chia is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2011.