

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING AND INSPIRING YOUTHS FOR THE SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2010**

The National Youth Council (NYC) is inviting nominations for the **Singapore Youth Award (SYA) 2010**. The eligibility and selection criteria for the SYA are attached at Annex A.

2 The SYA is the highest national youth accolade conferred upon youths in Singapore who have excelled in their fields of endeavour and have contributed significantly to the community. The award seeks to acknowledge inspiring young achievers with the drive and commitment to look beyond themselves, to strive for personal excellence and who contribute significantly to the community in Singapore. A member of the Public Service Commission heads the SYA Selection Panel to give the award national prestige.

3 Since its establishment in 1975, SYA has recognised 122 individuals and 40 youth organisations. Some of the recent winners include Mr Ho Tzu Nyen, Mr Taufik Batisah, Ms Melissa Aratani Kwee, Mr Clinton Ang, Mr Ivan Lee, Dr Ng How Yong, Dr Tan Min-Han, Ms Valerie Teo Hui Ying, The Finger Players, Citibank-YMCA Youth For Causes and other illustrious recipients.

4 Six outstanding young individuals were conferred the SYA 2009 by Senior Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security, Professor S. Jayakumar at the Istana on 5 July 2009. Two previous recipients were also honoured with the Medal of Commendation (MOC). The list of SYA 2009 recipients is attached in Annex B.

5 We would like to invite private organisations, public institutions and members of the public to nominate deserving individuals or teams in the following award categories for SYA 2010:

- (a) Arts and Culture;
- (b) Community and Youth Services;
- (c) Entrepreneurship;
- (d) Science and Technology; and
- (e) Sports and Adventure.

6 Nominations can be made online at the SYA website: [www.sya.sg](http://www.sya.sg). The SYA website contains further information on the SYA, such as details of the nomination process and the full listing of past recipients. The closing date for nominations is Friday, 15 January 2010.

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### **About the National Youth Council**

National Youth Council is the Advocate, Connector and Enabler for Youth. Together with our partners, NYC develops a vibrant and supportive environment for youth who are inspired to dream and committed to action to bring about a future that they want.

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**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD (SYA)**  
**ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Nominees must be Singapore citizens. Permanent residents of five years and longer are also eligible.
- Nominees should be 35 years old and below as of 1 January 2010.
- Nominees must be of good character.
- The achievements and community involvement of nominees must total at least three years. They can be accumulated over different time periods and in different fields.
- For teams, the majority of the members (60% of team or more) should meet all the above criteria.
- Teams should be in existence for at least five consecutive years.
- Nominees' achievements may be in the course of their work, an extension of their work or an extra-curricular activity.

**Medal of Commendation**

- SYA Awardees who have continued to attain higher levels of achievements and contributions to society for at least five years after their Award may be considered for the Medal of Commendation.
- Nominees for the Medal of Commendation should be 40 years and below as of 1 January 2010.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Nominee's excellence in the area being considered.
- Nominee's contribution to the prestige of the nation.
- Extent to which nominee is an inspiration or role model to other youths.

- Nominee's other contributions to society.
- Other awards.
- For the Medal of Commendation, the nominee's achievements and contributions after the Award should supersede and surpass previous accomplishments and contributions for which the Award was conferred.

**LIST OF SYA 2009 RECIPIENTS**

(a) Arts and Culture

- Mr Ho Tzu Nyen  
Artist/ Film-maker
- Mr JJ Lin  
Artiste/ Music Producer

(b) Community and Youth Services

- Ms Lina Chong Lin Lin  
Chairperson  
People's Association Youth Movement Central Youth Council

*Medal of Commendation*

Individual

- Mr Lee Hong Chuang  
Chairman  
\*SCAPE Co. Ltd. and T-Net Advisory Council

Team

- NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee

(c) Entrepreneurship

- Mr Clinton Ang  
Managing Director  
Hock Tong Bee Pte Ltd

(d) Science and Technology

- Dr Tong Joo Chuan  
Principal Investigator  
Institute for Infocomm Research

(e) Sports and Adventure

- Mr Koh Seng Leong  
National Sailor