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NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING AND INSPIRING YOUTHS FOR THE SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2006

The National Youth Council (NYC) is inviting nominations for the **Singapore Youth Awards (SYA) 2006**. (The eligibility and selection criteria for the SYA are attached at Annex A).

2 The SYA was instituted in 1975 and was then known as the National Youth Service Award until it was renamed in 1993. It confers national honour upon youths in Singapore who have significantly achieved excellence in their field of endeavour and contributed to society.

3 The SYA is the highest youth accolade in Singapore, and has honoured the likes of Ms Kit Chan, Ms Li Jia Wei, Dr William Tan Kiat Meng, Dr Benedict Tan Chi'-Loong, Dr Mansoor Bin Abdul Jalil, Mr Douglas Foo, the Raleigh Society and the T'ang Quartet, among many other illustrious recipients. (The full list of recipients is attached at Annex B). Six outstanding young individuals and one team were conferred the SYA 2005 by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana on 25 June 2005. Two previous SYA recipients were also honoured with the Medal of Commendation (MOC). They were:

(a) Arts and Culture

Individual

- Mr Goh Boon Teck
Chief Artistic Director
Toy Factory Theatre Ensemble

(b) Community and Youth Services

Individual

- Mr Glenn Lim Kern Nien
Youth Counsellor

Team

- Singapore Soka Association Youth Division

(c) Science and Technology

Individual

- Dr Ng Huck Hui
Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
National University of Singapore, and
Group Leader, Genome Institute of Singapore.
- Assoc Prof Edward Teo
Associate Professor of Physics
National University of Singapore
- Dr Kong Hwai Loong (Medal of Commendation)
Consultant Medical Oncologist and Physician

(d) Sports and Adventure

Individual

- Ms Theresa Goh
National Swimmer
- Ms Li Jia Wei
National Table Tennis Champion
- Mr Sheik Alau'ddin Yacoob Marican (Medal of Commendation)
Technical Director
Singapore Silat Federation

4 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 2006:

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

5 Nominations can be made on printed forms that can be downloaded from our website at www.nyc.gov.sg/sya, or collected at the National Youth Centre, 113 Somerset Road (open Mondays to Fridays from 9.00am to 6.00pm, Saturdays from 12:00pm to 6:00pm). The closing date for the nomination is Wednesday, 1 February 2006.

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SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD (SYA)
ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be Singaporean citizens. Permanent residents of five years and longer are also eligible.
- Nominees should be 35 years old and below at the time of nomination.
- 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.
- 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 at the time of nomination.

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.
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SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD (SYA)
AWARDEES

THE SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD

ARTS & CULTURE

Individual

2005	Mr Goh Boon Teck
2004	Ms Lee Huei Min
2001	Ms Kit Chan
2001	Mr Ekachai Uekrongtham
2000	Mr Ong Keng Sen
1999	Mr Eric Khoo Kim Hai
1999	Mr Salleh Bin Japar
1998	Mr Ivan Heng
1997	Ms Ovidia Yu
1996	Mr Rearngsak Boonyavanishkul
1995	Mr Quah Sy Ren
1994	Mr Glen Goei
1993	Mr Eric Goh Wee Seng, PBM
1993	Mr Osman Abdul Hamid
1993	Mr Nelson Kwei
1993	Ms Siow Lee Chin
1992	Associate Professor Tong Chee Kiong
1992	Mr Tan Jwee Meng
1991	Mr Lim Seng Tiong
1988	Mr Ching Gok Wah
1986	Mr Cham Tau Soon
1983	Mdm Yan Choong Lian
1980	Ms Lou Mee Wah
1979	Mr Peter Low Kok Chye
1979	Mdm Som M Said
1978	Ms Sylvia Anne McCully
1978	Mr Tan Siah Kwee

Team

2004	The Huqin Quartet
2002	T'ang Quartet
1996	Keat Hong Chinese Orchestra (Letter of Commendation)
1991	The Centre for the Arts (NUS Campus Concerts Crew)
1990	Youth Group of Children's Arts Society, Singapore

1987	Singapore Polytechnic Concert Band
1983	Keat Hong Chinese Orchestra
1982	Siglap Secondary School Art Club
1982	Singapore Kemuning Society
1981	Singapore Pheonix Dance Troupe
1980	Singapore Life Art Society

COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES

Individual

2005	Mr Glenn Lim Kern Nien
2004	Mr Lee Hong Chuang
2000	Mr Daren Shiau Vee Lung
1998	Dr Tan Hiang Khoon
1997	Ms Grace Ng Lai See
1997	Ms Melina Nathan
1996	Dr William Tan Kian Meng, PBM
1996	Dr Tan Chi Chiu
1995	Mr David Wong Wei Li, PBM
1993	Mr Tommy Yu Kee Ping
1991	Ms Judy Anne Wee
1990	Mr Low Wun Gong
1990	Mr Jimmy Phuah Hock Soon
1989	Mr Tan Eng Lock
1989	Mr Lim Han Cheong
1988	Ms Koh Lai Heng
1987	Mr Wong Soon Yong
1987	Mdm Fok Yin Chwee (Mrs Teo Cheng Huat)
1987	Mr Teo Cheng Huat
1986	Mr Tan Siong Woo, PBM
1985	Col. Tay Tiong Beng, PBM
1984	Mr Goh Eng Kiat
1983	Mr Abdul Latip Bin Jantan (Deeds of Bravery)
1982	Mr Abdul Jalil Bin Abdul Wahab
1981	Mr Goh Peng Khoon
1980	Mr Jude Lim Meng Chuan
1980	Mr Abdul Halim Abdul Kader, PBM
1978	Mr Soh Chee Keong
1976	Mr T T Durai

Team

2005	Singapore Soka Association Youth Division
2004	The Boys' Brigade Sharity Gift Box
2002	NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee
2001	The Aquatic Programmes for Disabled Individuals Unit
2000	Volunteer Initiator Persons

2000	NYAA Gold Award Holders' Alumni
1999	NTU Welfare Services Club
1998	Student Volunteer Corps
1997	Raleigh Society
1993	Leo Club of Ngee Ann Polytechnic
1991	Leo Club of Temasek Junior College
1988	SANA-PA Youth Movement Aftercare Counselling Service
1986	Volunteers of Telok Ayer Hong Lim Green Community Centre
1984	Ang Mo Kio Project – Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore
1983	Volunteer Action and Development Centre
1980	Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore
1980	Bukit Merah Old Folks' Club
1979	Bukit Ho Swee Social Service Centre
1978	Singapore Life Saving Society
1978	Singapore Polytechnic Welfare Services Club
1976	Kim Seng Constituency Youth Group
1976	Rotary Club of Singapore

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Individual

2004	Mr Kenny Yap, PBM (Medal of Commendation)
2004	Mr Charles Wong
2003	Mr Douglas Foo
2002	Mr Kent Tey Eng Ann
2001	Mr Wong Toon King
2000	Ms Lim Kwee Enn
1999	Mr Leslie Loh Boon Fah
1998	Mr Kenny Yap, PBM
1997	Dr Derek Goh Bak Heng, PBM
1996	Mr Elsen Ng Chai Kwang
1993	Mr Stephen Lim Beng Lin

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Individual

2005	Dr Kong Hwai Loong (Medal of Commendation)
2005	Dr Ng Huck Hui
2005	Assoc Prof Edward Teo
2004	Dr Chew Fook Tim
2004	Dr Ong Soh Khim
2003	Assoc Prof Chan Heng Huat
2003	Dr Mansoor Bin Abdul Jalil
2002	Dr Patrick Tan Boon Ooi

2002	Dr Allen Yeoh Eng Juh
2001	Prof Ling San
2001	Dr Marion Margaret Aw
2000	Dr Lam Kong Peng
2000	Assoc Prof Loke Kah Yin
1999	Dr Kong Hwai Loong
1999	Prof Wong Lim Soon
1998	Dr Coral Lai Poh San
1997	Prof Xu Guo Qin
1996	Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, PPA(E)
1996	Mr Jek Kian Jin
1994	Assoc Prof Tan Tin Wee
1993	Assoc Prof Peter Ng Kee Lin

Team

1985	Marine Parade Community Club Computer Hobby Club
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SPORTS & ADVENTURE

Individual

2005	Mr Sheik Alau'ddin Yacoob Marican, PBM (Medal of Commendation)
2005	Ms Theresa Goh
2005	Ms Li Jia Wei
2004	Dr Benedict Tan, BBM, PBM (Medal of Commendation)
2004	Mr James Wong
2003	Mr Remy Ong
2002	Mr Khoo Swee Chiow
2001	Ms Jing Jun Hong, PBM
2000	Ms Joscelin Yeo, PBM
1999	Ms Joan Huang Shiqi
1998	Mr Lee Wung Yew
1997	Mr Sheik Alau'ddin Yacoob Marican, PBM
1995	Dr Benedict Tan, BBM, PBM
1994	Ms Ng Xuan Hui
1993	Ms Mah Li Lian
1989	Mr Muthusamy Sivalingham
1981	Ms Wee Gim Eng

Team

2001	The National Women's Table Tennis Team
1998	The Singapore Mount Everest Team
1996	Singapore Water Polo Team
1976	People's Association Adventure Club
