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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INSPIRING YOUTHS RECEIVE HIGHEST YOUTH ACCOLADE IN THE HEART OF YOUTH PRECINCT**

Four outstanding youths will receive the Singapore Youth Award (SYA), the nation's highest youth accolade from Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence on **Sunday, 4 July 2010 at \*SCAPE**. The awardees' profiles will also be exhibited in the heart of the youth precinct as an inspiration to the youth community.

2 The recipients of SYA 2010 are:

**(a) Arts & Culture**

i) Mr Royston Tan, Film-maker

**(b) Entrepreneurship**

ii) Mr Leonard Tan, Entrepreneur

**(c) Science & Technology**

iii) Dr Loh Yuin Han, Scientist

**(d) Sports & Adventure**

iv) Ms Yip Pin Xiu, Student / National Paralympian

3 In addition, Dr Ng Huck Hui, SYA Awardee for Science and Technology in 2005 will be receiving the Medal of Commendation. The Medal of Commendation honours SYA awardees who have attained higher level of achievement and contribution to the society for at least five years after receiving the SYA.

More details on the award recipients are attached at Annex A.

4 You are cordially invited to the SYA 2010 Presentation Ceremony on **Sunday, 4 July 2010 at the \*SCAPE Building (Level 2 Auditorium)**. The programme is attached at Annex B. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by **Saturday, 3 July 2010 (5.00 pm)** to Ms Norhana Hamdan at 68399122 (DID) or 97110277 (Hp).

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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 2010**

### **MR ROYSTON TAN** **Arts & Culture**

Known for his distinctive directorial style and ability to connect with his audiences, Mr Royston Tan has garnered over 60 awards for his cinematic works, both locally and internationally. In recognition of his artistic accomplishments, the National Arts Council named Royston “Young Artist of the Year” in 2002. In 2003, he gained instant recognition with “15: The Movie”, his first feature film which also won the NETPAC-FIPRESCI Jury World Critic Award at the 16<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Film Festival. Beyond his professional pursuits, Royston has provided free film-making classes for troubled youths. He also lent his creative influence to support various charitable initiatives, including raising funds for an old folks’ home and The Business Times Budding Artists Fund.

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### **MR LEONARD TAN** **Entrepreneurship**

At 32, Mr Leonard Tan is already a veteran of online marketing in the Singapore and Southeast Asian markets. He established PurpleClick Media Pte Ltd in 2006, an agency which specialises in search engine marketing and online media. It was also the first in the region to achieve accreditation from both Yahoo! and Google. Throughout his illustrious career, Leonard has garnered accolades such as the Rotary-ASME’s “Entrepreneur of the Year” award in 2009, and was named one of Asia’s “Top 25 Best Young Entrepreneurs” by BusinessWeek in 2008. Despite his busy schedule, Leonard consistently shares his entrepreneurial experiences with youths by giving talks in schools. He also offers employment to young budding entrepreneurs.

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### **DR LOH YUIN HAN** **Science & Technology**

Dr Loh Yuin Han was inspired at a young age to pursue his interest in Science. Despite obtaining poor grades for his ‘O’ Level examinations, he was determined to beat the odds and has now made his mark in the field of human embryonic stem cells. During his postdoctoral training, Dr Loh was the first in the world to successfully induce human blood cells to pluripotent stem cells. For his outstanding research achievements, he was awarded the “Singapore Young Scientist Award” in 2009 and the “Philip Yeo Prize” in 2008. A passionate scientist and educator, Dr Loh has

donated part of his Young Scientist Award cash prize to set up Science awards for his alma maters. He has also tutored many students, provided guidance for troubled teenagers, and volunteered at an elderly activity centre and his clan association.

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**MS YIP PIN XIU**  
**Sports & Adventure**

Born with muscular dystrophy, 17-year-old paralympic swimmer, Ms Yip Pin Xiu, overcame her physical limitations to become one of Singapore's top athletes. In recognition of her sporting excellence, she was named "Sports Girl of the Year" from 2005 to 2007 and was conferred the "National Colours Award" from 2006 to 2008. Pin Xiu made a splashing debut at the National Swimming Championships in 2004 and within just a year, she garnered her first gold medals at a regional competition. She further distinguished herself as a world-class athlete when she won the first gold medal for Singapore, with a world record, at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Beyond her sporting achievements, Pin Xiu conducts inspirational talks and demonstrative swimming events to advocate inclusiveness in sports. She was presented the "Meritorious Service Medal BBM" in 2008 and "Her World Young Women Achievers Award" in 2009.

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## **MEDAL OF COMMENDATION 2010**

### **DR NG HUCK HUI Science & Technology**

Dr Ng Huck Hui was conferred the SYA for Science and Technology in 2005 for his outstanding scientific achievements, and for being an excellent role model for young scientists. Since then, he has continued to excel as Senior Group Leader at the Genome Institute of Singapore. Under his leadership, his team has made significant advancements and breakthroughs in the area of stem-cell research. Dr Ng's eminence in the local and global biomedical sciences arena is evident in his involvement as speaker at various international conferences, and reviewer of many prestigious international journals. In recognition of his scientific excellence, he was honoured with the "National Science Award" by A\*STAR in 2007. Beyond his professional pursuits, Dr Ng continues to inspire and mentor young scientists. One of his former students, Dr Loh Yui Han, was awarded the "Singapore Young Scientist Award" in 2009 for his outstanding research performance.

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**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD (SYA) 2010  
PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

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**PROGRAMME**

Date : 4 July 2010 (Sunday)  
Venue : \*SCAPE Building (Level 2 Auditorium)  
2 Orchard Link  
Dress Code : Lounge Suit / Day Dress

**Time**

2.00pm Arrival of Guests  
(Guests to be seated by 2.50pm)

3.00pm Arrival of Guest-of-Honour  
Mr Teo Chee Hean  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence

The National Anthem

Speech by Mr Edward Alec D’Silva  
Chairman, Singapore Youth Award Panel

3.20pm Citations of SYA 2010 Recipients

Presentation of SYA 2010 by Guest-of-Honour

3.45pm Reception and Viewing of SYA 2010 Exhibits