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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009**

#### **AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY** **SUNDAY, 5 JULY 2009, ISTANA**

**Young. Distinctive. Passionate. Exemplary.** Every year, the Singapore Youth Award (SYA) honour(s) youth who possess these traits and whose achievements and service to the community are inspirational.

2 This year, six individuals will receive the SYA, the nation's highest youth accolade. Professor S. Jayakumar, Senior Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security, will confer the award at the Presentation Ceremony on **Sunday, 5 July 2009 at the Istana.**

3 The recipients of SYA 2009 are:

#### **AWARD**

- (a) Mr Ho Tzu Nyen (Arts and Culture)
- (b) Mr JJ Lin (Arts and Culture)
- (c) Ms Lina Chong Lin Lin (Community and Youth Services)
- (d) Mr Clinton Ang (Entrepreneurship)
- (e) Dr Tong Joo Chuan (Science and Technology)
- (f) Mr Koh Seng Leong (Sports and Adventure)

4 This year, one individual and one team will also be receiving the Medal of Commendation. The Medal of Commendation honours SYA awardees who have continued to attain higher levels of achievement and contribution to the society for at least five years after receiving the SYA. The recipients of Medal of Commendation are:

## **MEDAL OF COMMENDATION**

- (a) Mr Lee Hong Chuang (Community and Youth Services)  
*SYA Awardee for Community and Youth Services in 2004*
- (b) NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee (Community and Youth Services)  
*SYA Awardee for Community and Youth Services in 2002*

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

5 You are cordially invited to the SYA 2009 Presentation Ceremony on **Sunday, 5 July 2009 at the Istana**. The programme is attached at Annex B. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by **Friday, 3 July 2009 (5.00 pm)** to Ms Norhana Hamdan at 68399122 (DID) or 97110277 (Hp). Due to stringent security requirements at the Istana, the Istana Security Unit will allow only media personnel who have confirmed their attendance and bear the MICA-issued Press Accreditation Card to enter the Istana on that day. We seek your understanding in this matter.

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

The National Youth Council (NYC) is the national coordinating body of youth affairs in Singapore. The NYC aims to develop a vibrant, highly-connected and self-sustaining youth sector so as to nurture World-Ready Youth. The NYC is part of the People's Association Network.

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**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009****MR HO TZU NYEN**  
**Arts and Culture**

Mr Ho Tzu Nyen is an acclaimed visual artist and film maker who has received numerous accolades locally as well as internationally. His latest film HERE made its premiere at the Directors' Fortnight at Cannes 2009. Beyond his work, Tzu Nyen is also active in educating and engaging youths as part of his artistic practice and responsibility. He enjoys challenging youths and being challenged by them in return.

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**MR JJ LIN**  
**Arts and Culture**

Since his debut in 2003, Mr JJ Lin has garnered both critical acclaim and commercial success. With his best-selling records and awards from both local and overseas music industry, JJ is one of Singapore's most popular musical talents. His success in the Chinese music scene is a source of inspiration to Singaporeans and JJ is regarded as a role model for aspiring singers.

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**MS LINA CHONG LIN LIN**  
**Community and Youth Services**

Ms Lina Chong is a strong advocate for youth leadership and community development. She has taken up leadership positions in community organisations and was involved in a series of community development programmes. One such programme is the Officers Mentoring Scheme which she and her team pioneered to mentor youth probationers. In 2007, she chaired the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youths – Youth Caucus.

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**MR CLINTON ANG**  
**Entrepreneurship**

In 1997, Mr Clinton Ang left his banking job to take over the ailing family business and never looked back. Under his leadership, the company was transformed into a one-stop integrated wine business with an annual turnover of \$20million. It also went into research and development of wines and non-alcoholic spirits to develop its own Cornerstone brands, which is distributed regionally in 20 over countries. Not forgetting to contribute back to the society, Clinton has been an active grassroots leader since 2007 and sits on board various committees.

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**DR TONG JOO CHUAN**  
**Science and Technology**

Achieving a rare feat, Dr Tong Joo Chuan was the only Singaporean to be awarded the prestigious MIT's Technology Review TR35 Award in 2008 for the research he conducted on computer-aided vaccine design. Dr Tong Joo Chuan's expertise in immunoinformatics, an emerging area where computational methods are applied to problems in immunology, has also earned him national and regional recognition in the life sciences field.

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**MR KOH SENG LEONG**  
**Sports and Adventure**

Not someone to wallow in setbacks, Mr Koh Seng Leong, a national sailor, came out stronger after a motorbike accident in 2005. When he returned to sailing, he advanced from the fifth position in 2002 to second position in 2006 in the Asian Games. In 2008, Seng Leong was one of the few national sailors who qualified for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games on merit. Seng Leong not only excelled in the sports. His ability to juggle the rigours of both high-performance sports and studies as well as manage his events management business truly reflects his determination and strength of character.

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**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009**  
**(MEDAL OF COMMENDATION)**

**MR LEE HONG CHUANG**  
**Community and Youth Services**

Mr Lee Hong Chuang's passion for the community and youths is definitely undeniable. In 2005, he was conferred the Public Service Medal. Hong Chuang chaired an impressive array of committees and volunteers with organisations in various sectors – sports, social service and corporate. He often shared his experience through his speaking engagements at various schools, the National Youth Forum, PAYM Policy Forums and other community engagement workshops. In 2007, he chaired the Youth Organising Committee for the 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY V).

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**NUSSU VOLUNTEER ACTION COMMITTEE**  
**Community and Youth Services**

NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee (NVAC) has played an active role in both the global and national communities through its numerous initiatives to promote volunteerism among youths in Singapore and to raise awareness for global causes. NVAC recognises the importance of developing volunteerism and offers a myriad of opportunities for volunteers. These include regular local interaction programmes at institutions as well as international youth exchange programmes aimed at setting up medical and education wings in neighbouring ASEAN countries.

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**PROGRAMME**

**4.00 pm**

Arrival of Guests  
(Guests to be seated by 4.40 pm)

**5 00 pm**

Arrival of Prof S. Jayakumar  
Senior Minister and  
Co-ordinating Minister for National Security

The National Anthem

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

**5.20 pm**

Citations of SYA 2009 Recipients

Presentation of Singapore Youth Award 2009  
by Guest-of-Honour

**5.45 pm**

Reception and Viewing of Exhibits at the Banquet Hall

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