

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT BRITCHAM'S 22ND ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

Monday, October 4, 2021: On Monday 4th October from 6-8pm SGT, the British Chamber of Commerce hosted the 22nd edition of their Annual Business Awards featuring special guests, Team Singapore Paralympians Nur Syahidah Alim and Toh Wei Soong.

The evening marked the second virtual edition of the Gala Awards Ceremony, which in non-pandemic times is held as a Gala dinner. The event was attended by close to 200 business leaders from across the shortlisted finalists and the business community.

Speaking ahead of the category winner announcements were H.E Kara Owen CMG CVO, British High Commissioner to Singapore, BritCham President Richard Warburton, and Prudential Singapore Chief Customer Officer, Theng Kiat Goh, as the Title Partner of the event.

The Annual Business Awards are the longest-running awards initiative by an international Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and continue to attract support from Government agencies, with support once again this year from Enterprise Singapore, the EDB and Singapore Business Federation.

Following the opening speeches, winners were announced in ten categories by emcee Sharanjit Leyl, with the UK Impact in Singapore category including live voting by the audience. The interactive virtual event included performances by the band Song Division and lucky draw prizes.

The judging panel consisted of Cindy Koh, Executive Vice President at the EDB; Winnie Low, Executive Director, Membership and TAC Engagement Division at SBF, and Steve Firstbrook, Country Director at the Department for International Trade.

Congratulations to the deserving finalists and winners of this year's 22nd Annual Business Awards:

Business Transformation of the Year, awarded to the organisation which has made the greatest strides in transforming its business operation in the past 12 months into a cost efficient, agile and customer-centric model.

- o Finalists: Nexia TS, Prudential, SQREEM Technologies, 33 Talent, Rebel & Soul.
- o Winner: SQREEM Technologies

Employer of the Year, awarded to an organisation that has created a stimulating and supportive work environment, and a genuine commitment to the welfare of its employees, resulting in high staff satisfaction levels and a well-motivated, ambitious and integrated workforce.

- o Finalists: 8Build, JDX Consulting, Arup Singapore.

- o Winner: Arup Singapore

Start-up of the Year, awarded to an outstanding start-up business that can showcase excellence in innovation, an outstanding record of growth and profit performance beyond their initial projections.

- o Finalists: Aspire, Speedoc, Lioncat Films, Aktivolabs.
- o Winner: Speedoc

Individual Contribution of the Year, awarded to a remarkable individual for achievements in the workplace and/or community in the past 12 months.

- o Finalists: Tim Armstrong, Head of Occupier Services & Commercial Agency at Knight Frank Asia Pacific; Joel Carpenter, Divisional Director & Head of Marketing at St. James's Place Wealth Management Asia; Kathryn Woof, Managing Director & Co-Founder of 33 Talent; Nicola Hewett, Climate Change & Energy Attache at the British High Commission Singapore.

- o Winner: Nicola Hewett, Climate Change & Energy Attache at the British High Commission Singapore

Diversity & Inclusion Champion of the Year, awarded to an organisation which promotes progressive equality and inclusion values, from the boardroom to the shop floor, and to the demonstrable benefit of all stakeholders. This category is sponsored by Barclays.

- o Finalists: IHS Markit, JDX Consulting, Arup Singapore, Standard Chartered.
- o Winner: Arup Singapore

Technological Impact of the Year, awarded to an organisation that has identified a problem, market gap or innovation and created an effective and successful solution in the form of products or services using innovative technology.

- o Finalists: Coventry Enterprises (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Rolls-Royce Electrical Singapore (for their Micro Grid), Rolls-Royce Electrical Singapore (for their Hybrid Rail), SQREEM Technologies
- o Winner: SQREEM Technologies

Sustainability Champion of the Year, awarded to a business with an effective, comprehensive and purpose-driven responsible business programme that is credible, results driven, addresses your core business function and reinforces their commitment to operating in an economically, socially and environmentally responsible manner.

- o Finalists: Diageo, Edible Garden City, Sentosa Golf Club, Keller Singapore, NatWest Markets.
- o Winner: Sentosa Golf Club

Customer Service Provider of the Year, awarded to a business that exudes exceptional customer service skills. This award also recognises companies that provide excellent customer experience by putting the customer at the heart of its business.

- o Finalists: Dulwich College (Singapore), 8Build, 33 Talent, International Orthopaedic Clinic.
- o Winner: 8Build

UK Exporter of the Year, recognising businesses headquartered in the UK with ongoing exports to Singapore.

- o Finalists: Challs International, Tiptree Wilkin & Sons, Tarsier Spirit.
- o Winner: Challs International

UK Impact in Singapore, awarded to an organisation representing the important relationship between the UK and Singapore. Finalists include organisations who have made an impact on Singapore's economy and society, contributing to the strengthening of the SG-UK Partnership for the Future.

- o Finalists: Coventry Enterprises (Singapore) Pte Ltd, St. James's Place Wealth Management Asia, NatWest Markets.
- o This category is announced live on the night, the winner is not available at time of press.

British Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, David Kelly, shared his thoughts on this year's awards initiative:

"Our Annual Business Awards have a long tradition of celebrating business excellence, no matter the external circumstances impacting the economy at the time. The Awards continue to uncover stories of success and inspiration from the business community. We have been especially pleased this year with the support from the Singapore Government in recognising the importance of the Awards, with Enterprise Singapore, the Singapore Economic Development Board and Singapore Business Federation all acting as Supporting Partners alongside our long-term support from the British High Commission, the Department for International Trade and this year's event partners."

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About the British Chamber of Commerce Singapore (BritCham):

The British Chamber of Commerce Singapore (BritCham) is an independent not-for-profit membership organisation supporting approximately 3,500 members from 320 member organisations, part of the British Chambers of Commerce Global Network and a leading member of the Britain in South East Asia network (BiSEA). Our members vary from startups and SMEs to global MNCs, spanning all sectors and industries. Approximately two-thirds of the network in Singapore are British nationals or those employed by an organisation headquartered in the UK.

The Chamber is a registered Society, led by an Executive Team, overseen by an elected Board of members and operating under a published Constitution.

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Our mission is to drive British business growth in Singapore, create opportunities for our members, facilitate industry knowledge sharing, and support exporters from the UK. This is achieved by working alongside Government, our partners and our engaged members to deliver services, committee participation, activities and opportunities throughout the year.

For more information on the Chamber, our advocacy and our areas of focus, visit www.britcham.org.sg.

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