

Into its 14th year, the Spirit of Enterprise (SOE), a non-government, non-profit and approved Institution of a Public Character ("IPC") Charity, has remained steadfast in its mission of advancing and promoting entrepreneurship by honouring our local business people and inspiring in our youths the spirit of enterprise.

Throughout the years, SOE has been a passionate advocate in supporting home grown entrepreneurs who are both active change-makers and innovators in our nation, by recognising their achievements. The Annual SOE Awards has become a stable platform in honouring and recognising these outstanding leaders in society. Today, we are proud to commend 28 brilliant Honourees who have embodied determination, resilience, and the courage to take risks not only to pursue their dreams but to bring about change in the lives of others.

SOE aims also to inspire young Singaporeans and promising business persons to become the next generation of entrepreneurs through interaction, communication and knowledge sharing between students, entrepreneurs and the general public. As such, SOE engages in community give back programmes such as the SOE Student Entrepreneur Programme, the SOE-Charles & Keith Student Interviewer Programme and the SOE-Credit Suisse Entrepreneurs Forum.

One of the highlights of this evening is the presentation of the SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Mr Neo Kah Kiat, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Neo Group Limited. Recognised as the highest accolade of the SOE Awards, the annual SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award is conferred upon an extraordinary past SOE Honouree who has shown exemplary hard work, exceptional business achievements and contributed meaningfully to society.

We are also proud to announce that in collaboration with our Strategic Sponsor, PropNex Realty Pte Ltd, we will be giving the inaugural SOE-PropNex Top Honouree Award to the most successful entrepreneur amongst this year's Honourees.

We would also like to pay tribute to our esteemed Founder, Mr Russell Rowland Miller, whose vision and dedication to the promotion of enterprise, has made all these possible, even today. Mr Miller passed away in July this year, but his legacy will continue to live on and be an inspiration for all entrepreneurs.

We are delighted to welcome our Honourees this year to the SOE Alumni. We look forward to your active participation in our cause and with helping us continue our mission of honouring and inspiring the spirit of enterprise amongst all.

Grace Chong-Tan
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