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Senior Minister of State Sim Ann Recognizes Leaders of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at AmCham Singapore's HERo Awards



SMS Sim Ann with AmCham Singapore's HERo Awards 2024 recipients



AmChamSG and WEConnect International signed a
Memorandum of Understanding to Champion Supplier Diversity & Inclusion

Singapore, October 8, 2024 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmChamSG) hosted the 2024 AmCham HERo Awards in a gala event on Friday, October 2024 attended by

Ms. Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Launched in 2019 to commemorate International Women's Day, The AmCham Women HERo Awards recognize and showcase the achievements of individuals and companies in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion and advancing women in leadership.

At the event, SMS Sim presented the awards to 12 individual and corporate winners across seven award categories including Trailblazer of the Year; Ally of the Year; Community Builder of the Year; Convener of the Year; Outstanding Female Talent Development; Outstanding Employee Engagement; and Outstanding Achievement for Gender Inclusion

In addition to the awards ceremony, AmChamSG signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WEConnect International to champion supplier diversity and inclusion by advancing the development and inclusion of women-owned businesses in supply chains in Singapore and Southeast Asia. Through this collaboration, women-owned businesses will be able to tap into AmChamSG's extensive network to build connections and leverage business opportunities and WEConnect's certification program to overcome barriers to market entry.

Dr. Lei Hsien-Hsien, CEO, AmChamSG said, "AmChamSG member companies represent the best of American business values – free enterprise, fairness, creativity, respect for people from diverse backgrounds, and optimism. AmChamSG is proud to partner with WEConnect International to champion supplier diversity and inclusion in Singapore and Southeast Asia. By supporting women entrepreneurs, we can unlock innovative solutions, enhance resiliency, drive economic growth, and create a more equitable business landscape."

Elizabeth Vazquez, CEO and Co-Founder, WEConnect International said, "We are thrilled to partner with the American Chamber of Commerce Singapore. This collaboration represents a significant step forward in our joint commitment to advancing supplier diversity and inclusion in the business community. Together, we will empower women entrepreneurs and create greater opportunities for all, driving innovation and growth."

The 2024 HERo Awards ceremony and the MOU between AmChamSG and WEConnect International underscores the business community's commitment to fostering a more inclusive business environment that will support the success of women.

About AmCham Singapore

Established in 1973, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham Singapore) is the largest and the most active international business association in Singapore and Southeast Asia, with over 7,000 members representing more than 650 companies.

Our Chamber comprises 12 industry-specific committees: five sectoral and seven functional. AmCham is a forward-thinking, business-progressive association. Our mission is to create value for our members by providing advocacy, business insights, and connections. Our membership includes American companies and Singaporean and third-country companies with significant U.S. business interests.

AmCham is an independent, non-partisan business organization. Our goal is to provide the information and facilitate the access and connections that give members insight into the local, regional, and global operating environment, enhance their professional capabilities, and enable them to make well informed business decisions.

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About WEConnect International

WEConnect International in Asia Pacific connects women-owned enterprises to corporations under their Supplier Diversity and Inclusion programs. Our non-profit organization helps women-owned businesses succeed in global value chains, empowering women to have the same opportunity as men to design and implement business solutions that create wealth and ensure the sustainable prosperity of their communities.

We currently offer certification in the following markets in the region: Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

<https://weconnectinternational.org/asia-pacific/>

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2024 AmCham HERo Awards Winners

Individuals

Trailblazer of The Year (SME)	
Winner	Rachel Wong, Managing Director, Marunda
Trailblazer of The Year (MNC)	
Winner	Angela Lee, Managing Director, Asia Pacific, Europe and Middle East, Partner, HKS, Inc.
Honorable Mention	May Teo, General Manager - Pratt & Whitney, RTX
Ally of the Year Award (SME)	
Winner	Push Sharma, Founder & CEO, HaldyPlus Nutrition Pte Ltd
Honorable Mention	Maxime Vanderhaeghe, Managing Director, City Talent
Ally of the Year Award (MNC)	
Winner	Cheah Wai Kit Senior Director, Products & SolutionsLumen Technologies
Honorable Mention	Sanjeev Chatrath, Partner, Financial Services, EY
Community Builder of the Year Award (MNC)	
Winner	Cyndi Lum, Global Digital Cities Senior Consultant, Dell Technologies
Honorable Mention	Cecilia Tan, Vice President, Global Government Relations & Public Policy, Procter and Gamble Asia Pacific, Middle East, and Africa
Convener of the Year (SME)	
Winner	Kim Underhill, Founder/CEO, SHE Brilliance
Convener of the Year (MNC)	
Winner	Yolanda Yin, Program Manager, Sales Enablement & Activation, Google Cloud, APAC
Honorable Mention	Shoon Lim, Global Lead for DEI practices, Russell Reynolds Associates

Companies / Organisations

Outstanding Achievement For Gender Inclusion Award (SME)	
Winner	KeyNote Women Speakers
Outstanding Achievement For Gender Inclusion Award (MNC)	
Winner	DHL IT Services
Honorable Mention	Medtronic
Outstanding Employee Engagement Award (MNC)	
Winner	Medtronic
Winner	HP Inc
Honorable Mention	KKR
Honorable Mention	Kellanova
Outstanding Female Talent Development Award (MNC)	
Winner	McCormick Ingredients
Honorable Mention	HP Inc