

## 17 movers and shakers, companies honoured at ALPF

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The award recipients with organisers of the 2022 Asean Leadership and Partnership Forum held at the Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh yesterday. KT/Chor Sokunthea

Seventeen businessmen and companies were honoured at the 2022 Asean Leadership and Partnership Forum (ALPF) in recognition of accomplishments as well as contributions to the economy and development of Asean.

The ALPF awards came in seven categories: Asean Technology Company of the Year Award, Asean Distinguished Business Leader Lifetime Achievement Award, Asean University of the Year Award, Asean Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award, Asean Excellence Award, Asean Excellence Award and China-Asean Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU), which has been acknowledged to be one of Malaysia's premier universities for technology, was acclaimed the 2022 Asean University of Year with APU vice-chancellor Professor Ho Chin Kuan accepting the award.

For business enterprises, four companies, two of which are based in Cambodia, received the 2022 Asean Business Excellence Award. They are Leader Energy Holding Sdn Bhd, Juwai IQI Holdings, Speedwind Distribution Co. Ltd, and CMED Construction Co. Ltd.

Leader Energy was represented by its CEO Gan Boon Hean; Speedwind Distribution by its Chairman Dalton Wong; and CMED Construction by its CEO Chea Huy.

Juwai IQI Holdings won two awards with its Co-founder and Chairman George Johann Chmiel winning the coveted 2022 Asean Distinguished Business Leader Lifetime Achievement Award.

Malaysia-based Silverlake Axis earned the 2022 Asean Technology Company of the Year Award with its Group Managing Director Andrew Tan Teik Wei receiving the tribute.

Group Managing Director of Silverlake Axis, a software company based in Selangor, Malaysia, Andrew Tan Teik Wei carried off the 2022 Asean Technology Company of Year Award.

The 2022 Asean Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Awards were also presented to eight outstanding individuals from Asean countries for their contributions to various sectors in the region during the forum held at Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh yesterday.



Foreign Minister Prak Sokhonn addressing the forum. KT/Chor Sokunthea

The recipients were Executive Chairman of DPS Resources Berhad Datuk Seri Dr Peter Sow Chin Chuan (Malaysia), Sharkrim Sdn Berhad Group President Datuk Dr Kenny Lew Chung Yuh (Malaysia), and Pheim Asset Management (Asia) Pte. Ltd. CEO and Chief Strategist Dr Tan Chong Koay (Singapore).

Mercurius Capital Investment Ltd. Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dr Anthony Chang Wei Lu (Singapore) is another 2022 Asean Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Datuk Chin Yew Sin accepted the award on Chang's behalf.

The Cambodian honorees were Aleda Bank Plc. President and Group Managing Director Dr In Channy, Baker Tilly (Cambodia) Co. Ltd. Managing Partner Oknha Tan Khee Meng, RHB Bank (Cambodia) Plc Country Head and CEO Wong Kee Poh, and Mohan Bandam, Publisher of *Khmer Times*.

European Wellness Biomedical Group, represented by Co-owner and Founder Datuk Seri Dr Mike Chan, took home the 2022 Asean Business Excellence Award.

Bioplus Life Corporation won the China-Asean Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award with its Chairman Datuk Dr Chin Yew Sin accepting the prize.

Tan Sri Michael Yeoh, Founder and Chairman of Asean Leadership and Partnership Forum and President of KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific congratulated those who were honoured with the prestigious award this year.

Yeoh told the forum that the roles of the private sector are more important than ever in the region, particularly amid the post-pandemic economic recovery.

"The governments in Asean have played a big role in promoting the post-pandemic economic recovery. However, it is important to facilitate the role of the private sector in accelerating this growth, which must be inclusive for the benefit of all people," he said.

"Moving forward, Asean will need the 3Ts: Tech, Talent and Trust. Finally, building a better ASEAN requires inclusivity, sustainability and business-friendly policies with the tripartite public-private-people (3P) partnership."

Present at the event were Foreign Affairs Minister Prak Sokhonn and Commerce Minister Pan Sorasak.

The ALPF is a leading forum that brings together leaders from Government, business, think tanks and civil society to discuss and evaluate the strategic challenges facing Asean and its immense opportunities as one of the world's most robust regions with a combined GDP of \$2.3 trillion (making it collectively the world's 6th largest economy) with a population of 620 million).

The two-day ALPF 2022 is jointly organised by KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, Asean Business, Advisor Council, Asian Vision Institute, and Cambodia Chamber of Commerce.