

## News Release

# CLA Global TS Celebrates Spirit of Enterprise 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Congratulates SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2023 Winner



*(L-R) Guest-of-Honour, Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State | Award Presenter, Mr Henry Tan, Group CEO & Chief Innovation Officer, CLA Global TS | SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2023 Winner, Mr Ong Kian San, CEO, Kee Song Group | President, Spirit of Enterprise (SOE), Mr Ismail Gafoor*

**Singapore, 9 November 2023** – **CLA Global TS** congratulates **Spirit of Enterprise (SOE)** for celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2023 edition of the SOE Awards. **CLA Global TS** is proud to partner SOE since 2007, in supporting homegrown business entrepreneurs and create opportunities for Singaporean to embark on the journey of entrepreneurship.

**CLA Global TS** would also like to applaud all 55 award honourees at this year's Awards for their outstanding entrepreneurship spirit and achievements. **CLA Global TS** is the main sponsor for the SOE Awards, supporting SOE's commendable mission to recognise excellence in business entrepreneurship.



"As Spirit of Enterprise (SOE) celebrates 20 years of honouring local entrepreneurs and inspiring youth, 2023 also marks 10 years since we embarked on this partnership with CLA Global TS Holdings and jointly introduced the SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award. This pinnacle award has been integral in our efforts to applaud the achievements of and pay homage to deserving past honourees who have demonstrated the capability to grow their companies into industry icons. SOE is grateful for this continuous support from Mr Henry Tan and the CLA Global TS team, and we look forward to further strengthening our partnership in the years to come." said **Mr Ismail Gafoor, President, Spirit of Enterprise (SOE)**.

At the SOE Awards ceremony, top honour went to **Mr Ong Kian San, CEO of Kee Song Group, winner of SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2023**. The Award recognises past honouree of the SOE Awards for their ability to take their business to new heights.

"Congratulations to Mr Ong Kian San for receiving the SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2023. We are privileged to be part of SOE's 20th Anniversary celebration and to present the Award to Mr Ong for his achievement in growing Kee Song Group. Mr Ong's ability to identify innovation opportunities in product, processes, and distribution channel shaped Kee Song Group's success as a leading poultry producer in Singapore and Malaysia. Recognising Mr Ong's entrepreneurship journey will create opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs to learn by example, and to always innovate." Said **Mr Henry Tan, Group CEO & Chief Innovation Officer, CLA Global TS**.

"I am deeply honoured to receive this prestigious award from Spirit of Enterprise and CLA Global TS. This recognition is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of our entire team. It is a symbol of our relentless pursuit of excellence and innovation. I believe that success is a collective effort, and I share this award with every member of our organisation who has contributed to our achievements. Together, we will continue to drive positive change, embrace new challenges, and lead our industry to new heights. Thank you for this incredible honour." Said **Mr Ong Kian San, CEO, Kee Song Group**.

### **CLA Global TS Continues Support for SOE**

Since 2007, CLA Global TS has been actively supporting the SOE in its mission to promote, advance and inspire the local business community in their journey of entrepreneurship. As part of the firm's dedication and ongoing support, Ms Grace Lui, Co-Advisory Leader, Director, Valuation & Transaction Services, is currently serving as part of the Executive Committee in her capacity as Treasurer.

### **About the SOE Awards:**

The Spirit of Enterprise Awards platform is an annual award conferred to deserving business entrepreneurs to honour their outstanding achievements. It aims to recognise our local entrepreneurs' courage, perseverance, and innovation in their journey of entrepreneurship. These local entrepreneurs serve to become role models for our young Singaporeans to emulate and to inspire the youths to take the bold step in becoming enterprising entrepreneurs. All nominees are interviewed by SOE's appointed Student Interviewers who will prepare interview transcripts, together with supporting documents, for submission to SOE Judging Panel, comprising the SOE Board of Governors. The Judging Panel will review the submissions and select the honourees based on the selection criteria established.

For more information, please refer to <http://www.soe.org.sg/soe-awards>.

### **About CLA Global TS**

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