

News Release

CLA Global TS Celebrates Spirit of Enterprise 21st Anniversary and Congratulates SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2024 Winner



(L-R) President, Spirit of Enterprise (SOE), Mr. Ismail Gafoor | Award Presenter, Mr. Edwin Leow, Co-Advisory Leader, Head of Tax, CLA Global TS | SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2024 Winner, Ms. Anna Lim, SouperChef & Founder, The Soup Spoon Pte Ltd | Guest-of-Honour, Ms. Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

Singapore, 6 November 2024 – On 25 October 2024, **Spirit of Enterprise (SOE)** wrapped up the celebration of its 21st Anniversary of the **SOE Awards**, celebrating and honouring the innovative and inspiring minds of local entrepreneurs. **CLA Global TS** is proud to commemorate the major milestone with **SOE** as a major partner, supporting homegrown business entrepreneurs and creating opportunities for blooming local talent to embark on the journey of entrepreneurship since 2007.

As a longstanding sponsor of the **SOE Awards**, **CLA Global TS** would like to applaud the 51 impressionable award honourees at this year's edition of the Awards, for their dedication, resilience and impact on landscaping the local entrepreneurship field of Singapore.



President, Spirit of Enterprise (SOE), Mr. Ismail and Guest-of-Honour, Ms. Low Yen Ling, Ms. Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. In attendance with all 51 honourees of the SOE Awards 2024

"21 years of supporting and recognising youths and local entrepreneurs is a major milestone for the **Spirit of Enterprise (SOE)**, with 2024 marking the 11 years of partnership with **CLA Global TS** jointly introducing the pinnacle award we now know as the **SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award**. **SOE** greatly appreciates the unceasing support **Mr. Henry Tan** and **CLA Global TS** team have shown. Applauding the achievements and paying homage to deserving honourees of the award, past and present, has always been the goal of the Award to support local talents demonstrating the will to make their name in the respective industries. We look forward to further strengthening the partnership in the years to come, while integrating the efforts to support Singapore's local business owners." said **Mr. Ismail Gafoor, President, Spirit of Enterprise (SOE)**.



At the **SOE Awards** ceremony, top honour **Ms. Anna Lim, SouperChef & Founder, The Soup Spoon Pte Ltd**, had the prestige of being recognised as **winner of SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award 2024**.

Presented with the award, **Ms. Anna Lim** conveyed her heartfelt thoughts, “20 years ago, we were a micro business with a hole in a wall shop at Raffles City. My first ever award was **SOE** in 2004. This comes as a full circle being recognised as an honouree. Being an entrepreneur is hard work, building a good brand is even harder, and it’s a roller coaster ride, with highs and meltdowns. It is a lonely journey and we may neglect and lose ourselves. But with a mission and knowing what makes my day makes it all worth it. To spark joy through our creations and inspire healthier communities. Thank you for this recognition, **CLA Global TS** and **Spirit of Enterprise**. It makes this journey a little more bearable.”

Mr. Henry Tan, Group CEO & Chief Innovation Officer, CLA Global TS shared, “**CLA Global TS** would like to share its congratulations with **Ms. Anna Lim** for receiving this year’s **SOE-CLA Global TS Entrepreneurship Award**. Through her perseverance and determination, her tenacity has allowed her to come full circle and **CLA Global TS** is privileged to have witnessed such an inspiring journey for **The Soup Spoon Pte Ltd**. Through her entrepreneurial experience, it serves as an uplifting example for aspiring business owners seeking and creating opportunities to drive their business’ success.”

CLA Global TS’s Unwavering Dedication in Supporting Spirit of Enterprise

Since its partnership with SOE in 2007, CLA Global TS has actively supported SOE’s longstanding goal to promote, inspire and cultivate the local entrepreneurial community in their journeys. As a testament of the firm’s commitment and dedication in supporting SOE’s cause, **CLA Global TS** has key members in its management serve as part of the Executive Committee, to further provide further assistance within their capacity in SOE’s endeavor in supporting the local entrepreneurship scene.



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 www.soe.org.sg/soe-awards.

About CLA Global TS

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