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SHATEC celebrates illustrious achievements and contributions of 8 alumni and industry mentors at 34th Graduation

Singapore, 27 November 2019 – The 8 recipients of the 2019 SHATEC Industry Excellence (SHINE) Awards were announced at the school's 34th Graduation Ceremony, held at the University Cultural Centre.

The SHINE Awards celebrate recipients who have made significant contributions towards the school and industry with impactful outcomes, particularly in the areas of learning and talent development.

Ms Margaret Heng, Executive Director of Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) and Chief Executive of SHATEC congratulated the recipients for successfully creating an indelible impact on the Singapore hospitality scene and inspiring the industry likewise.

“In an ever-evolving industry that demands constant excellence from its workforce, our outstanding alumni award recipients have not only proven themselves at the top of their league but also upped the ante year on year with their achievements. This spirit for excellence is a cornerstone of SHATEC's hospitality education, which is why we also work with the best professionals of this industry to mentor and imbue our trainees with the right career values. The Industry Mentor Award is a special recognition to the dedicated career coaches who are equally committed to our cause of talent development.” she said.

2019 SHATEC Industry Excellence (SHINE) Awards Recipients

Special recognitions went to a star-studded line up of well-known personalities from across Singapore’s hotel, F&B and tourism sectors, all of whom either formed part of the SHATEC alumni rank or its mentorship panel.

This year, SHINE Awards received a total of 35 nominations which received more than 10,000 unique votes from the industry stakeholders as well as members of the public. All nominations were evaluated by a panel of judges comprising SHATEC Management and industry leaders.

Please refer to Annex A for the full list of award recipients.

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About SHATEC

SHATEC was set up in 1983 by the Singapore Hotel Association to equip Singapore’s hospitality industry with a skilled workforce. Since then, SHATEC has distinguished itself as arguably Singapore’s most recognised hospitality school with many of its 30,000 strong alumni from more than 20 countries helming key positions in the hospitality and tourism industry.

It is a strong advocate of creative teaching methods. Lessons and programmes at SHATEC are further enhanced by exposing pupils to experiential learning experiences that are as close to a working environment as possible. Students also reap the benefit of interacting with local and international instructors and guest speakers who eagerly share a wealth of knowledge in their respective fields and impart important people-to-people skills gleaned from experience.

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(SINGAPORE)

Besides nurturing young minds and talents, SHATEC is also a key player in preparing career switchers and mature workers to join the hospitality industry. As the industry school, it also offers a myriad of programmes and workshops to up-skill practitioners in the hospitality industry.

About SHINE Awards 2019

The **SHATEC Industry Excellence (SHINE) Awards** celebrates the achievements of individuals who have made significant contributions towards the school and industry with impactful outcomes, particularly in the areas of learning and talent development.

The SHINE Awards comprises two categories of recognition:

- Outstanding Alumni Award
- Industry Mentor Award

Outstanding Alumni Award

The SHATEC Outstanding Alumni Award recognises and celebrates the achievements of SHATEC graduates, both professionally and personally. It recognises their outstanding contributions to their profession, community and the advancement of the industry.

To be an eligible nominee, he/she must have first graduated from SHATEC at least five (5) years prior to the year of nomination. The individual should have demonstrated significant and influential achievements in the years after graduation both in the industry and communities beyond.

Industry Mentor Award

The SHATEC Industry Mentor Award recognises and honours outstanding mentors who have actively participated in the Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC, which started in July 2015.

The Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC is specially curated for SHATEC students to have access to business practitioners in the hospitality industry and to receive expert advice and guidance from these practitioners. Its main focus is on career mentoring, a well-recognised strategy for helping students link with industry and preparing them for work and life after graduation.

The award acknowledges the time and dedication the mentor has put in to create a successful mentor-mentee relationship and make an invaluable contribution towards developing new talents for the industry.

To be an eligible nominee, the mentor should have completed at least three (3) successful cycles of the Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC.

SHINE AWARDS 2019 RECIPIENTS

ANNEX A (CONTD)

Outstanding Alumni Awards

(Culinary and Pastry)



Mr. Derrick Ang
Deputy General Manager
(Business Development / Culinary)
Aston Food & Beverage Specialities Pte Ltd

“With 24 restaurants and 300 staff currently under my belt, I believe that [learning and] development never stops. SHATEC students under my tutelage will gain new perspectives on their career journey with me.”

Outstanding Alumni Awards

(Culinary and Pastry)



Chef Eric Cheam
Executive Chef
Sheraton Towers Singapore

“In my experience coaching trainees for the past 10 years, I have come to understand how important it is for organisations to have structured training plans which will lead to clear career outcomes.”

Outstanding Alumni Awards

(Hospitality and Tourism)



Mr. Kung Teong Wah
General Manager
Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore

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Outstanding Alumni Awards

(Hospitality and Tourism)



Mr. Priveen Raj Naidu
Founder
Reapra Aviation Partners

“My days in SHATEC has been ingrained with values like integrity and discipline, which has steered me onto a path of success in the aviation industry.”

Industry Mentor Awards

(Culinary and Pastry)



Chef Eric Neo
Executive Chef
InterContinental Singapore

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Industry Mentor Awards

(Culinary & Pastry)



Chef Robert Stirrup
Director of Culinary Operations
Fairmont Singapore and Swissôtel The Stamford

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Industry Mentor Awards

(Hospitality and Tourism)



Mr. Heinrich Grafe
General Manager
Conrad Centennial Singapore

“Active work in the industry is the best form of lifelong learning.
Actual guest experiences is a great way to bring knowledge to life.”

Industry Mentor Awards

(Hospitality and Tourism)



Mr. Pek Chin Siong
Vice President, Hotel Operations
Marina Bay Sands

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