

Annex B - Citations for Top Awards and Special Recognition Recipients

Top Awards

Lifetime Achievement for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism



Mrs Janet Tan-Collis

President, Singapore Association of Convention and Exhibition Organisers and Suppliers (SACEOS)

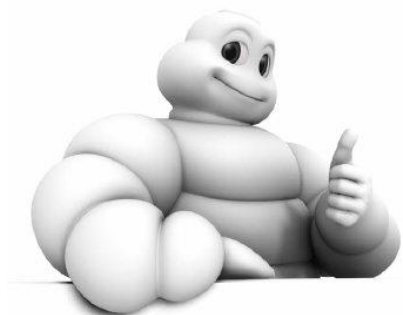
Mrs Janet Tan-Collis is celebrated for her unwavering commitment to developing talent and resources for the MICE industry, working with MICE associations to develop education programmes and further entrenching Singapore's position as Asia's Centre for MICE thought leadership.

In her role at SACEOS since 2003, she revolutionised the association in areas of education and professional development, developing a talent development framework to provide certification pathway in professionalising and changing the perception of MICE industry. In 2014, she was instrumental in introducing the internationally recognised Certified Meeting Professional programme to Singapore.

A strong advocate for youth and education, Mrs Tan-Collis is passionate about developing future generations of MICE professionals, and currently serves on the Advisory Board of MDIS School of Tourism and Editorial Advisory Board Member of Biz Events Asia (BEC) Publication.

In addition, she has led efforts to sign MOUs with several tertiary institutions including Singapore Institute of Technology, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic, Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) with the aim of creating interest for career opportunities in the MICE industry.

Breakthrough Contribution to Tourism



MICHELIN Guide Singapore

Robert Parker Wine Advocate and Michelin Asia Pacific Pte Ltd

The Michelin Guide Singapore shone the spotlight on the diverse range of cuisines Singapore has to offer; with many firsts being featured such as Singapore's street hawkers and Peranakan Restaurant – Candlenut. With the arrival of the guide, there was renewed interest and increased footfall to establishments listed. In addition, new tour products featuring Michelin star establishments were created. The introduction of the guide also served to spur Singapore restaurants to raise the bar and continually improve their dining offerings. The efforts of Robert Parker Wine Advocate and Michelin Asia Pacific in bringing the Michelin Guide Singapore to fruition contributed to the branding of Singapore as a compelling culinary destination both regionally and globally.

Outstanding Tourism Entrepreneur



(From left to right, Mr Daniel He, Mr Wee Teng Wen)

Mr Wee Teng Wen

Managing Partner, The Lo & Behold Group

Mr Daniel He

Co-Founder, The Lo & Behold Group

Mr Wee and Mr He co-founded The Lo & Behold Group, a hospitality company that creates, owns and operates a series of timeless, thought-provoking concepts. They most recently launched the first hotel in the Group's portfolio – The Warehouse Hotel. Odette, the Group's fine dining restaurant, has also been awarded two Michelin stars and placed ninth on Asia's 50 Best Restaurants list.

As recipients of the ***Outstanding Tourism Entrepreneur*** award, they were recognised for creating a successful lifestyle empire, with innovative concepts that have rejuvenated the F&B sector in Singapore. With the Group's creative dining concepts, they have helped to build Singapore's reputation as a must-visit dining destination.

Special Recognition



Mr Vincent Tan

Founder and Managing Director, Select Group

Mr Vincent Tan received a special recognition for his outstanding contributions in enhancing vibrancy of Chinatown through festival light-ups and island-wide innovative dining concepts. A collaborative stakeholder, he led the Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng Citizen's Consultative Committee (KAKSCCC) to organise Mid-Autumn Festival and Chinese New Year events for the past six years. The festivals attract more than 3 million visitors to Chinatown annually.

With his F&B experience in Select Group, Mr Tan introduced unique thematic dining concepts which include Chinatown Food Street and SuperTree Dining at Gardens by the Bay. Through these efforts to enhance Singapore's destination attractiveness on a culinary front, Mr Tan has won several awards for his dining concepts. He is also the President of the Singapore Restaurant Association.