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Dear friends,

The Singapore International Foundation's Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE) programme concluded its 10<sup>th</sup> edition with the YSE 2019 *Pitching for Change* and 10th Anniversary celebrations!

Six YSE 2019 social enterprises were awarded SGD20,000 each to scale up their businesses, after an intense day of pitching and careful deliberation by a panel of judges.

Congratulations to our six winners:

1. **DeafTawk (Pakistan)** – which bridges the communication gap in the deaf community by providing quality sign language interpretation services through a digital platform
2. **HATCH (New Zealand, Singapore)** – which empowers youths from diverse educational backgrounds with digital skills training and job-matching services
3. **Native (Malaysia)** – which creates unique community-based experiences across Malaysia with local partners to enable cultural exchange with and understanding of the indigenous people
4. **Nyampah Corporation (Indonesia)** – which encourages recycling of food waste through their waste conversion solutions using black soldier flies
5. **Parched Foodworks (India)** – which solves the problem of food wastage at source in India by setting up dehydration centres and with the use of hybrid solar dehydrators
6. **Ubuntu Micro Irrigation (India)** – which helps small-scale farms increase productivity by providing affordable micro-irrigation systems for agriculture



(Centre) Elim Chew, SIF Special Advisor to YSE and Founder, 77th Street offering insights to the YSE teams during their pitch. Elim has been a steadfast supporter of the YSE programme since the inaugural edition.



(From left) Jean Chew and Victor Zhu from Hatch explained to judges how their social enterprise empowers youth who lack academic opportunities in Singapore, through digital skills training and job placements.

## A Network of Changemakers

YSE participants past and present as well as invited guests were engaged in two sessions of peer learning that afternoon.

Six YSE alumni from 2014 to 2018 were featured at an insightful Human Library session entitled "Breaking Barriers", where the YSEs and their community representatives inspired audiences with their journey in overcoming challenges and achieving the unexpected with representatives from Indonesia, Ecodoe (YSE 2015); from Malaysia, The Langit Collective (YSE 2016) and

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from Singapore, Inclusive Arts Movement (YSE 2013), Junior Art Lab (YSE 2018), SDI Academy (YSE 2014) and WaterROAM (YSE 2015).

In a Fireside Chat that followed, YSE 2010 alumnus, CEO and Founder of Carousell Quek Siu Rui shared about his entrepreneurship journey and his continued commitment to making social impact through his enterprise.

### **Celebrating A Decade of Impact**

SIF Executive Director Jean Tan opened the evening's ceremony with a recap of the YSE programme growth over the years, findings from the YSE Impact Study and appreciation to partners and supporters for their contributions.

In marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the YSE programme, a special DBSF x SIF Social Impact Prize was awarded to three outstanding YSE alumni to recognise their work in the vibrant social entrepreneurship sector in Asia. They were represented by Larasati Widyaputri and Inayattuloh Hasannudin for Ecodoe, Melisa Lim for The Langit Collective and Lim Chong Tee and Vincent Loka for WaterROAM.

The evening ended on a high as YSE participants, alumni, funders, partners and staff commemorated the occasion with cake and confetti!



(Far left) Lim Chong Tee, CMO, WaterROAM and YSE 2015 alumnus sharing his story as a social entrepreneur.



(Far right) Aminur Rasyid from Junior Art Lab shared about his experience training Syafullah in digital art design through his social enterprise. Syafullah was diagnosed with quadriplegic cerebral palsy but has a passion for the arts. (Centre) His mother Siti Fadillah looks on proudly.



Nazrul Islam, a Bangladeshi migrant worker and community leader with SDI Academy who received a bachelor's degree, a gold medal in the Pearson Outstanding Learner Award, and enjoys a meaningful life in Singapore as a marathon runner, blood donor and volunteer English teacher.

**“Be laser sharp on your purpose and  
always have the mindset you're less than 1% done.”**

Quek Siu Rui, CEO and Co-founder, Carousell and pioneering YSE 2010 Alumnus

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Quek Siu Rui (in black), CEO and Co-founder of Carousell and pioneering YSE 2010 alumna at the Fireside Chat moderated by Debrah Jiang, Assistant Manager, SIF (in green).



A commemorative photo with the DBSF x SIF Social Impact Prize winners and DBS and SIF representatives (from left) A/Prof Peter Pang, Governor, SIF; Karen Ngui, Board Member of DBS Foundation and DBS' Head of Group Strategic Marketing and Communications; Jean Tan, Executive Director, SIF and (fourth from right) Shee Tse Koon, Governor, SIF and Group Executive and Country Head, DBS Singapore.



YSE 2019 Pitching for Change winners with judges, SIF Governors Shee Tse Koon and A/Prof Peter Pang and SIF Executive Director Jean Tan.

SIF YSE is proud to celebrate 10 good years of inspiring and enabling action for a better world and look forward to your continual support as we grow the network of young changemakers for the next decade and more!

### YSE 2020 – Call for Applications



Are you a changemaker looking to launch or scale-up your social enterprise? Join us today!

Applications for the **YSE 2020 Programme** are now open until **15 December 2019**.

[Apply today](#) and help us spread the word too!

Warmest wishes,  
**Singapore International Foundation**