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DATO' RICKY WONG HONOURED AS A 2014 YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER BY WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

March 11, 2014, Kuala Lumpur - Founder and CEO of Asia Media Group Dato' Ricky Wong has been honoured as a Young Global Leader (YGL) by the World Economic Forum (WEF). Each year, the WEF accepts a number of distinguished leaders under the age of 40 from the global stage.

The 2014 class Dato' Ricky was part of included over 2,000 candidates. Heidrick & Struggles evaluated each one before a selection committee, chaired by H.M. Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, screened them. The specific criteria candidates were evaluated for included a commitment to society and a proven track record.

The World Economic Forum is a non-profit Geneva-based organization best known for hosting the annual Davos forum, attended by the majority of the world's business leaders and head of states. Its members are from all walks of life and every region of the world, which, combined with only hiring exceptional people that have demonstrated their commitment to society, makes the organization a leading force in improving living conditions globally.

"Young Global Leaders are not just exceptional people in their own right: they are leaders that already have a track record in improving the state of the world," said David Aikman, Managing Director and Head of the New Champions at the World Economic Forum. "We welcome the Class of 2014 into our community and look forward to collectively engaging them to deliver change of genuine global significance."

Dato' Ricky said: "Being accepted as a Young Global Leader is a true privilege. It is rewarding to know that, what I have worked so hard to achieve has had a meaningful and lasting impact, and I am eager to discuss with other members how we can keep moving to make the world a better place. I firmly believe that the World Economic Forum is the best place to do that, and I am honoured to be a part of it."

Wong joins 213 other honourees into the WEF, including business leaders Jared Cohen, Director of Google Ideas, a think tank exploring how technology can help people overcome instability and conflict; Hosain Rahman, Founder and CEO of Jawbone, a leader in wearable products and consumer technology, including the UP24 lifestyle tracker and ERA headsets; Xiaohong Wang Gao, Deputy Director General of Executive Office for the China Development Bank; political leader Julia Andrea Abad, Secretary of the Presidential Management Staff, whose role is to manage 300 people to provide President Benigno S. Aquino III with research, information, analysis and support; and Hollywood star Charlize Theron for founding the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project.

The 214 new inductees are in the esteemed company of accomplished business and political leaders. Past honourees of the Young Global Leaders include Larry Page, co-founder and CEO of Google, David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Zhang Xin, CEO of SOHO China, People's Republic of China, Tony Fernandes, founder of Air Asia, Dato' Seri Nazir Razak, CEO of CIMB Group and Chelsea Clinton of the Clinton Foundation.

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The Forum of Young Global Leaders is a unique, multistakeholder community of more than 900 exceptional young leaders. Bold, brave, action-oriented and entrepreneurial, these individuals commit both their time and talent to make the world a better place.

The community is made up of leaders from all walks of life, from every region of the world and every stakeholder group in society. Nominated under 40, these young leaders are proposed through a qualified nomination process and assessed according to rigorous selection criteria that creates a diverse and truly representative body, while accepting only the very best leaders who have already demonstrated their commitment to serving society at large.

Set up as an independent, not-for-profit foundation under the Swiss government, the Forum of Young Global Leaders is an integral part of the World Economic Forum and part of the larger New Champions community.

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