

## News Release

# Nexia TS Congratulates Mr Neo Kah Kiat for Being Conferred the SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2016



*From left: Dr Koh Poh Koon (Minister of State, Ministry of National Development & Ministry of Trade and Industry), Mr Neo Kah Kiat, PBM (Founder, Chairman & CEO from Neo Group Limited), Mrs Grace Chong-Tan (President, Spirit of Enterprise), Mr Chin Chee Choon (Director of Assurance & Advisory, Nexia TS)*

**Singapore, 1 December 2016** – The Spirit of Enterprise (SOE) held its 14th SOE Awards Ceremony and Dinner at Mandarin Orchard Singapore, Grand Ballroom on 10 November 2016 with Dr Koh Poh Koon, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development & Ministry of Trade and Industry, as the Guest of Honour for the event. This year, the SOE Awards conferred a total of 28 honourees for their outstanding entrepreneurship spirit and achievements.

The highest accolade of the SOE Awards, The SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award, was conferred to Mr Neo Kah Kiat, Founder, Chairman & CEO of Neo Group Limited. Mr Neo Kah Kiat was previously awarded the Public Service Medal (PBM) in 2014 for his services to the nation. Recognised as the highest accolade of the SOE Awards, the annual SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2016 is conferred upon extraordinary past SOE Honouree who has shown exemplary hard work,

exceptional business achievements, dedication in the field of entrepreneurship, as well as meaningful contributions to society.

*“Since its inception in 2003, the SOE Awards platform has honoured countless home-grown entrepreneurs for their courage, perseverance and innovation in their journey of entrepreneurship. Serving as an exemplary role model and inspiration for fellow entrepreneurs, the SOE-Nexia TS Entrepreneur of the Year Award is a well-deserved recognition for it marks the pinnacle of an entrepreneur’s achievements besides commercial success. Once again, our heartfelt congratulations to Mr Neo Kah Kiat (PBM), Founder, Chairman & CEO of Neo Group Limited!”*

**Henry Tan, Managing Director, Nexia TS**

### **Nexia TS Continues Support for SOE**

Since 2007, Nexia TS Public Accounting Corporation has been actively supporting the SOE in its mission to promote, advance and inspire the local business community in their journey of entrepreneurship. As part of the firm’s dedication and ongoing support, Mr Chin Chee Choon, Director of Assurance and Advisory, has been appointed as the Co-Opted Board Member and the Chairman of the SOE Student Interviewer Programme (SIP) while Ms Grace Lui, Director of Valuation & Transaction Services, has served as the Co-Opted Board Member of SOE and a Committee Member of the annual SOE-Credit Suisse Entrepreneurs Forum.

### **About the Spirit of Enterprise Awards:**

The Spirit of Enterprise (SOE) 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.

**About The Spirit of Enterprise (SOE):**

The Spirit of Enterprise promotes and advances entrepreneurial spirit in Singapore by honouring local self-reliant entrepreneurs operating small and medium-sized businesses; and inspire Singaporeans, especially the young, to become entrepreneurs by facilitating interaction, communication and knowledge dissemination between students, the entrepreneurs and the general public.

SOE is funded by the private sector and the Board of Governors which consist of established entrepreneurs, corporate senior management, public service and political leaders. SOE organises various initiatives and programmes including the Spirit of Enterprise Awards, Fundraising Golf Challenge, Student Entrepreneur Programme, Student Interviewer Programme, Mentorship Programme and Entrepreneurial Talks at Institutions, and Entrepreneur Forums for SOE Alumni.

For more information, please refer to [www.soe.org.sg](http://www.soe.org.sg).

**About Nexia TS:**

Nexia TS was founded in 1993 by two experienced chartered accountants – Henry Tan and Sitoh Yih Pin. After working as managers for one of the international accounting firms, they saw a vision and an opportunity to establish their own organisation – not any accounting firm – but one which is unique in their personalised and well-qualified expertise.

To date, Nexia TS is recognised as an established mid-tier local accounting firm. We have grown significantly in size over the years. Being an independent member firm of Nexia International, we are affiliated to accounting firms in many parts of the world. This means that our clients will get to enjoy personalised, comprehensive and quality services at competitive rates in Singapore and globally. Our reputation for quality has been recognised by clients and accounting professionals. As testimony to this, we are among the first few local accounting firms to be accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia to provide supervision of professionals undergoing traineeship to qualify as Chartered Accountants.

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