

Youth Entrepreneurship Forum: Prospects & Challenges “From Ideas to Business”

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Speakers

Mr Inderjit Singh

Chief Executive Officer
Infiniti Solutions Ltd

Mr Inderjit Singh is the founder and CEO of Infiniti Solutions Ltd, a global semiconductor company headquartered in Singapore. Prior to starting Infiniti in 2001, he also founded and was the President and CEO of United Test and Assembly Centre (UTAC), one of the world's largest semiconductor assembly and test companies.

He had earlier worked in Texas Instruments (TI) for 13 years and was the Director of Operations for the global Assembly and Test Operations for the Memory Division of TI. Mr Singh is a Member of Parliament of Ang Mo Kio GRC and Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Finance, the Audit committee Chairman and Board Member of Urban Redevelopment Authority, and Board Member of SPRING Singapore and Nanyang Technological University.

As Deputy Chairman of Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE), he has been actively driving the transformation of the financing landscape for start-ups and SMEs in Singapore. He authored the popular book, “The Art and Science of Entrepreneurship” which captures his entrepreneurial experiences.

Mr Inderjit Singh also serves as Deputy Chairman of the NYAA Council and Member of the NYAA Advisory Board.

Ms Anisa Hassan

Managing Director
It's Just Lunch Singapore

Ms Anisa Hassan is the Managing Director of It's Just Lunch Singapore. It's Just Lunch is a global dating and matchmaking agency that is headquartered in California, USA. After one year in operation, Anisa won the coveted “*Rising Star*” Award at the It's Just Lunch annual convention. In 2006, Anisa also won the prestigious *Malay Woman Entrepreneur of the Year* award given out once in two years by the Singapore Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry. She was also selected to be an Ambassador for the National Heart Centre's *Go Red For Women Campaign* in 2007 to serve as a role model for working women in Singapore.

Anisa joined 4PM in 1990 where she actively participated in the Malay Debates (Bahas 4PM). She was 17 at that time and was a student at Temasek JC. She came in as a member of the then Training and Development Department of 4PM. She was an active youth volunteer and

was actively involved in organising youth activities such as the UniVision Camp. In 1991 she was elected into the 4PM management committee where she served as a member till 1997.

A noted expert in the field of dating, matchmaking and networking, Anisa has been interviewed by various media, ranging from Channel NewsAsia, Singapore Straits Times, NewsRadio 93.8 to fashion and executive magazines. She is also the author of *Guide to Dating in Singapore*, a professional singles' guide to successful dating in Singapore. For more than 8 years, Anisa worked as a broadcast journalist with Channel NewsAsia. She is a familiar face in the local scene, playing her public persona with consummate ease. In her capacity, she has collaborated with the *Ministry of Community Development Youth and Sports* to help youths at risk develop confidence in public speaking and instil a sense of self-esteem and self-worthiness. She developed her own training program, culled from her years of experience in journalism.

Today, despite her busy schedule, Anisa has continued to contribute to 4PM in different ways. She shares that 4PM has helped developed her to what she is now, and she continues to have a sense of bonding with the organisation. She is indeed one of 4PM's success stories.

Mr Max Ng

Managing Director
Gateway-Law Corporation

Max Ng is the Managing Director of the firm. Prior to establishing Gateway Law, he was a partner with a well-established leading law firm in Singapore. In addition to being professionally active in the community, Max is also listed as a leading lawyer in his field in *AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers, in Who's Who Legal* and in Singapore's inaugural *Legal Who's Who 2003 by Asia Legal Business*, which is an independent guide to the best legal practitioners in Singapore. He is also the lead author of the book "Intellectual Property", under the Butterworths Law for Business Series.

Max's practice involves patent and other intellectual property litigation, general counselling and preparation of specific contracts and documents in relation to licensing, franchising, media and entertainment law, electronic commerce and the Internet, amongst others.

Max has represented several statutory boards in Singapore, as well as educational and financial institutions, multinational companies, local small and medium enterprises, and start-up companies.

Max now speaks frequently at various forums on IP and IT-Law related topics. Max also renders his services by judging at competitions and providing legal guidance pro bono at entrepreneurship forums such as at "Start-up@Singapore", or at the local educational institutes.

Ms Elaine Teh

Executive Director
Octopus Holdings Pte Ltd

Ms. Elaine Teh was born in Ipoh, Malaysia but spent much of her student life in Australia, where she learned to be fully independent and self-reliant having been away from home at a very early age. While pursuing her degree in Economics and the Japanese Language at the University of New South Wales, she spent her spare time as a temporary worker in the government, a bank and a law firm at various times. Apart from learning the theory in school, these job opportunities honed her skills in civil service, customer service and office

administration work. At the early age, these skills were complementing her innate entrepreneurial skills which she took after her father who owned a chain of cinemas in Malaysia. So while still being a student and working part-time, Elaine already achieved top sales in the Sydney Duty Free Store, Angus & Coote. She also moved to be the Retail Manager of the biggest rosewood furniture store in Australia.

Immediately after graduation, she wasted no time launching her own business offering special interest tours for Chinese government delegates to Australia who are meeting up with their Australian counterparts in Agriculture, Mineral, Science & Technology industries.

Elaine subsequently lived and worked in Hong Kong before returning to Australia to launch her new business ventures – two mobile phone stores and the international distributorship of mobile phones. Within 10 months, her sales reached A\$10 million.

In 2000, Elaine relocated to Singapore which paved the way for her new business ventures into IT and building management business systems. Her team-up with Mr. Andy Lim, Managing Director of Octopus Holdings, led to the launch of Octopus Group and the creation of the innovative business model of running entertainment outlets in Singapore. Today, Elaine's success with Octopus Holdings is well known in the F&B industry. With Singapore evolving into integrated resorts, Elaine rightfully foresees that her F&B businesses have a key role to play, hence she is supportive of anyone wanting to venture with her into further growing her F&B businesses and franchises.

Although much involved with her day-to-day business dealings, Elaine still manages to devote time for civic and charity work. She is the current treasurer of the Bukit Timah Community Connect; the Vice President for the UNSW Alumni Association in Singapore and a Steering Committee Member for the International Women Association in Singapore.

Elaine is a success story of hard work, passion, commitment, and focus – while still managing to enjoy life as she devotes time for family and leisure. She is definitely a rich source of ideas on how to live life to the fullest.

Moderator

Mustafa Izzuddin

Research Associate
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)

Mustafa Izzuddin is presently a research associate with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS). He graduated with an honours degree in political science from the National University of Singapore and has a Masters degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics. He will leave for London this coming September to pursue his PhD in International Relations at the same university under the ISEAS PhD Scholarship. In the course of his PhD, Mustafa will also head to the University of Ohio and Georgetown University as an ASEAN Visiting Fulbright Fellow to carry out research on ASEAN's relations with the United States.

Mustafa is an active community leader in which he serves as a management committee member of the Malay Youth Literary Association (4PM) and an executive committee member of the National Youth Achievement Award Gold Award Holders Alumni (NYAA GAHA). He has also served in various capacities with Mendaki Club and the Burhani Mosque, and contributes to the Meet-the-People's Session at Eunos Branch. He has received numerous accolades for his community work in Singapore which includes the National Youth Achievement Gold Award, the Singapore Youth Team Award and Commonwealth Youth Team Silver Award. He enjoys walking, playing badminton and football. He is an avid fan of Liverpool Football Club.