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SINGAPORE: Jimmy Fong of EpiCentre Holdings and Eldwin Chua of Paradise Group Holdings were crowned overall winners of the Entrepreneur of the Year (EYA) 2011 award.

Speaking at the awards ceremony last night, Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean said one outstanding trait common to many of this year's award nominees was the adoption of innovation into their businesses.

He said they have all taken bold steps to invest in productivity and innovation, upgrade business processes, and adopt globally competitive strategies.

ASME President, Lawrence Leow, said these entrepreneurs have demonstrated a clear ability to manoeuvre through challenging business conditions and be a leading light for others to follow.

Four Sub-Category Awards were also presented.

EYA for Enterprise went to David Low Chor Hoon of Futuristic Store Fixtures, for his exceptional entrepreneurial performance in establishing his business, including vision and mission, business ethics, leadership, teamwork and training, communication, and business structure.

EYA for Info-Communications Technology went to Jimmy Fong of EpiCentre Holdings who has effectively implemented and integrated info-communications technology within his organisation, leading to a significant increase in productivity and cost efficiency.

EYA for Innovation went to Henn Tan of Trek2000 International for his high level of engagement in information and process technologies to facilitate industry innovation, research and development initiatives to create products and services that place emphasis on value-add.

EYA for Social Contribution went to Fu Siang Jeen of Wen Ken Group for his efforts in contributing to society, involvement in environmental policies and encouraging employee involvement in community activities.

The award jointly presented by the Rotary Club of Singapore and the Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (ASME), is Singapore's oldest Award for entrepreneurship.

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