

# Laugfs wins accolade at APEA

Sri Lanka celebrated the nation's outstanding entrepreneurs as they are recognized at the most prestigious awards in the region; Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards, organized by Enterprise Asia. 23 winners were selected from a massive group of 80 nominees of talented, successful and passionate entrepreneurs making waves for the entrepreneurial scene locally and globally.

This made the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2012 Sri Lanka chapter an

excellent opportunity for these outstanding individuals to be awarded for their achievements.

NDB bank was the sponsor for the event while Associated newspapers of the Ceylon limited was the print media sponsor.

The awards were presented by Editor of Daily News, Lynn Ockersz, and High Commissioner of Malaysia to Sri Lanka, Azmi Zainuddin, Chief Executive Officer NDB Bank, Russell De Mel and President, Enterprise Asia William Ng.

Deputy Minister of External Affairs Neomal Perera, President, Sri Lanka Malaysia Business Council, Dushy Jayaweera, Chairman of NDB Bank, the principal sponsor of the APEA Sri Lanka Hemaka Amarasuriya also participated.

**The awards and winners**

**Entrepreneur of the Year** Chairman, Laugfs Holdings Ltd W K H Wegapitiya

**Woman Entrepreneur of the Year** Managing Director Ramya Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd Ramya Weerakoon

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year** Deputy Chairman Lanka Orix Leasing Company PLC Ishara Nanayakara

**Special Achievement Award** Chairman Nawaloka Hospitals PLC, Jayantha Dharmadasa

**Outstanding Entrepreneurship Award** Chairman Antler Fabric Printers Pvt

Ltd, Ananda Jayasinghe, Chairman Anverally & Sons Pvt Ltd Mohamed Anver Zaki Uddeen Anverally

**Group Managing Director/CEO** Brown & Company PLC Murali Prakash

**Managing Director/CEO** CIC Agri Businesses Pvt Ltd, Keerthi B Kotagama,

**Managing Director** RTS Holdings, Lalith E. Liyanage, Managing Director Imperial Teas Group, Jayantha Karunaratne

**Managing Director** Orange Electric Kushan Kodituwakku

**Chairman/CEO** PC House PLC, Saheedul Hijiry Mohamed Rishan

**Most Promising Entrepreneurship Award**

**Managing Director** Agro nutrition Pvt Ltd, Prabath Fonseka

**Chairman** Aroma Natural Rubber (Pvt) Ltd M.S.M. Najeeb

**Chairman** Electro Metal

**Pressings Pvt Ltd** Chandranandana Diyunuge

**Managing Director** Greenkeepers Pvt Ltd Gregory Edward Fernando

**Managing Director** JP Marine Pvt Ltd M.A.J.P Fernando

**Proprietor** Nithyakala Jewellery Nimal Gatamanna

**Managing Director/CEO** Premium International Pvt Ltd B.H Prasantha Kularatna

**Chairman/Managing Director** SMS Holdings Pvt Ltd Shehan Senevirathne

**Proprietor** Yaseen's Computerized Graphics Gulam Hussain Mohammed Hafeez.

**Emerging Entrepreneurship Award**

**Chairman** Aminra Collections Pvt Ltd Dr. Anura Eliyapura

**Proprietor** Pathma Motor Stores S.H.D. Mahendra Subasinghe

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