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Dear friends,

The eight-month Singapore International Foundation's Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE) 2015 Programme culminated in the YSE *Pitching for Change* session on 23 October. After going through a four-day workshop in March, a mentorship scheme led by McKinsey & Company and study visits to India and Malaysia, 15 teams comprising 31 young changemakers representing Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam regrouped in Singapore for their final pitch.

Instead of the planned five teams, six teams were each awarded up to S\$20,000 in funding to launch or scale up their social enterprises. The funding was sponsored by SIF's corporate and private funders Asia Philanthropic Ventures (apV), SAP and Governor Mr Rajan Raju and Mrs Anu Raju. The winning teams are (in alphabetical order):

1. [Ecodoe](#) from Indonesia, which empowers local craftsmen and housewives through the production of eco-friendly handmade souvenirs.
2. [Gap Year Guide](#) from Singapore offers youth the opportunity to work and volunteer with social enterprises across the globe.
3. [Osiris](#) from Yogyakarta, Indonesia seeks to improve the livelihood of a community of disabled people and farmers through the production and sale of fresh ice cream.
4. [STARTIC](#) from Jakarta, Indonesia trains marginalised women on waste management and design through upcycling waste into fashionable bags and clothes.
5. [WateROAM](#) with members from Singapore and Indonesia, provides simple, portable and durable water filtration solutions to disaster-stricken sites in developing countries.
6. We Cabs from India intends to provide safe transport solutions for women, elderly and children by training women as taxi drivers.



"We can change the world!" YSE 2015 and alumni, together with YSE partners and mentors.

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Malaysian team Triple Dot presented their work on refurbishing and selling used items from university hostels to raise awareness on environmental sustainability.



Judges examining Indonesian team Eptani's model of their "Zero Waste Cycle" project. Panel of judges from left: SIF Governor Lian Wee Cheow, apV Chairman Keith Chua, SIF Governor Elim Chew and Lead Mentor from McKinsey & Company Andy Holley.

The 15 teams and YSE alumni Etch Empathy, SDI Academy and Society Staples also shared their innovative ideas with guests at the YSE Pitching for Change showcase. The People's Choice Award for the most popular booth went to Ubersnacks, which won themselves USD500 worth of vouchers to take part in YSE 2013 Backstreet Academy's community-based tourism activities.

This year, a dialogue session on "Nurturing Young Leaders for a Better World" was held in conjunction with the Pitching for Change Awards Ceremony. Featuring Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin, Co-founder and Director of The Thought Collective and Nominated Member of Parliament, and Mr Deny Rahardjo, CEO of Kinerja International and Partner of the Business Indonesia Singapore Association, the insightful dialogue explored various initiatives and collaborations in the region to support the next generation of compassionate changemakers. The dialogue was moderated by Mr Keith Tan, YSE 2012 alumnus and Co-founder of Start Now.



The "Nurturing Young Leaders for a Better World" dialogue session sparked thought provoking questions on how we can work across borders and sectors to groom more innovative and compassionate future leaders.

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Live Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu demonstration at the YSE showcase by Singaporean social enterprise The Lockr.



Ubersnacks from Indonesia captured the most votes from our guests with their locally produced "snacks for good".

We would like to thank all our partners for their support in bringing world communities together to build a better world through inspiring, equipping and enabling our young social entrepreneurs in Singapore and beyond. Applications are now open for YSE 2016, apply now at [www.sif.org.sg/yseapply](http://www.sif.org.sg/yseapply). If you would like to contribute to the YSE programme, please contact us at [yse@sif.org.sg](mailto:yse@sif.org.sg).

Warmest wishes,

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