Dear friends,

The Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE) programme started with a workshop from 13 to 15 March, where our growing network of friends, partners and YSE alumni generously shared advice and insights into the world of social entrepreneurship with 69 young changemakers of 12 nationalities. Through the programme, we inspire, equip and enable these young people to develop their social enterprise ideas, and nurture them into sustainable businesses to bring about positive change.

12 teams seeking to create positive social impact for the communities in America, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand were shortlisted at the end of the three days. They will progress onto the next stages of the programme where they will be mentored by leading business consultants, participate in an overseas study visit to India, and re-group in Singapore to pitch for funding for their social enterprises.

Held in conjunction with the YSE programme, our Singapore Insights edition on social innovation and enterprise brought close to 400 participants of 16 nationalities based in Singapore to understand how the people, private and public sectors are actively seeking innovative solutions to address Singapore’s social needs and issues.

We are delighted to share with you highlights of the three-day programme below.

**Day 1: 13 March 2014**

SIF Governor Elim Chew recounting the development of Singapore's social entrepreneurship scene in her keynote address.

Social entrepreneurs sharing their journeys with YSE participants from left: Impact Founder Peter Yang, Ashoka Fellow and InfoVision2100 Co-Founder Park Yuhyun, Gone Adventurin' Co-Founder Jacqui Hocking and YSE Alumnae and StarNow Founder Keith Tan.

INSEAD and NUS MBA programme alumni and students working with the participants on their business plans.

YSE participants ended the day gaining insights into Singapore as a ‘City in the garden’ at our first nomination for UNESCO world heritage site – Singapore Botanic Gardens, and having some fun with Angles of Incidence, a collaborative installation by artists from Singapore and the United Kingdom exploring universal themes of heritage and memories.
Day 2: 14 March 2014

Asia Philanthropic Ventures (apV) Founding Member Stephan Lim reminded participants to “do good well”, stressing the need for sound financials in any business plan. Asian Venture Philanthropy Network Chief Operating Officer Kevin Tao shared how to communicate the social impact of businesses.

Social entrepreneurs, practitioners and YSE alumni shared insights and exchanged perspectives with the participants throughout the day. (Left photo) Benny Se Teo spoke on how he turned his life around, paying it forward by training and employing former drug offenders at Eighteen Chefs. (Right photo) YSE Alumnus Danial Muhammad Bin Hamdan (right) of Inclusive Arts Movement shared his YSE learning journey with this year’s participants.

Day 3: 15 March 2014

Singapore Insights: Social Innovation and Enterprise

SCOPE Director Loh Teck En shared Singapore’s multi-agency approach to reintegrate ex-offenders into society through the Yellow Ribbon Project. Quang Din Ho (left), from Vietnam, in conversation with Joan Bowen Café Co-Founder Jeanne Seah on working with people with special needs. Comcrop CEO Allen Lim (left) explaining his vision for community engagement and sustainable living onsite at Singapore’s first sustainable urban farming in the heart of Orchard Road.
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We look forward to your continued support of SIF’s programmes to bridge world communities and nurture tomorrow’s changemakers.

Warmest wishes,
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