



HOSPITALITY ASIA
PLATINUM AWARDS 2006-2007

WINNERS

Outstanding Hospitality Leadership Award

**Ricky Goh, CEO,
Delifrance Asia Ltd**

This comes as a surprise!

Firstly, thank you HAPA for a wonderful event. I'd like to thank the sponsors, especially Unilever. Over the past 40 years of my career

I have learnt that nothing can be achieved by working alone – no man is an army. So to my friends and colleagues, thank you for your support!



HAPA Recognition Award

Cheong Hai Poh

I am very speechless. What can I say except at the end of the day this award is not for me but for all of you today who believe in the true spirit and essence of hospitality. Here's cheers to all of you for having done a great job!



Without passion, there is no award. Without that spirit, none of us can go far.

HAPA Recognition Award

Otto Weibel

Otto was abroad and unable to be present at HAPA 2006.



Editor's Award

**Italian Trade
Commission
Singapore**



The representative was not available to receive the award.

Publisher's Award

**Eddy Tan, Swissotel
The Stamford
Singapore**

I'd like to thank the people who have worked with me for the last 20 years, especially my husband, who is an

hotelier and who has always been so supportive... as well as the Society of Golden Keys.



Excellence in Hospitality Personality Hospitality Entrepreneur of the Year

**Andrew Tjioe,
President & CEO,
Tung Lok Restaurants**



I am totally surprised! Thank you Unilever, HAPA, judges. I am truly honoured and I share this award with the wonderful team. This one is for you too!

HOSPITALITY ASIA PLATINUM AWARDS 2006-2007, SINGAPORE SERIES

30 November 2006, The grand finale of the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA) 2006-2007, Singapore Series, was celebrated in style at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore. Held in the newly renovated Island Ballroom, over 400 guests attended the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards Gala Charity Dinner to witness industry players vying for 35 outstanding awards.

Organized by World Asia Publishing (WAP), HAPA, has established itself as the serious and prestigious awards that recognize and reward service excellence in the hospitality industry, especially the deserving people in the 'back-of-the-house' departments. Held biennially between Singapore and Malaysia, HAPA also makes the annual commitment of dedicating its proceeds to a selected charity foundation as a means of supporting and "giving back" to the community. This year, World Vision Singapore was the chosen charity foundation and all proceeds from the event were pledged specifically to underprivileged children and families in Laos and Mongolia.

Some of the awards included 'Best Concierge Department' which went to the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore; Meritus Mandarin Singapore garnered the 'Best Front Office Department' award and the personality that grabbed the award for 'Most Promising Chef (Asian Cuisine)' was Chef Yang Lai Fatt from Pine Court Chinese Restaurant of the Meritus Mandarin Singapore whilst the 'Most Promising Chef (Western Cuisine)' award was won by Chef Anderson Ho of Le Papillon restaurant. The most anticipated awards of the night created extreme excitement among the nominated ones. 'Hotel of the Year' was won by Conrad Centennial Singapore and the 'GM of the Year' award went to Vincent Lelay of Novotel Clarke Quay Singapore. 'The Song of India' impressively took home the award for 'Restaurant of the Year' and the crowd went wild when Swissotel The Stamford, Singapore was named the winner for the 'Service Excellence' award.

In conjunction with the 5th anniversary of HAPA, the organizer injected an element of surprise with a last-minute announcement of 5 special awards for the night. There was the 'Outstanding Hospitality Leadership Award' that gave recognition to Ricky Goh of Delifrance Pte Ltd for his outstanding contribution to the industry. Cheong Hai Poh and Otto Weibel both received the 'HAPA Award' for their contribution to the success of HAPA for the past 5 series. The Italian Trade Commission was bestowed the 'Editor's Award' for their efforts in the promotion of Italian food and wine. And last but not least, the 'Publisher's Award' went to a very surprised Eddy Tan from Swissotel The Stamford for her exceptional service.

WAP extends deep gratitude and appreciation to the many people who made this year's anniversary event a great night, with special thanks to the Panel of Judges, sponsors and endorsees, and most of all, the nominees. Keep up the HAPA spirit! We're looking forward to welcoming everyone again at HAPA 2008!

World Asia Publishing (WAP) is the publisher of the region's premier trade journals, HOSPITALITY ASIA and RETAIL WORLD ASIA. Founded in 1994, these journals have established themselves as one of the most essential communication platforms between Buyers and Suppliers, providing new information, updates and being the written "voice" for all related industries. In 2005, WAP published the very first timeless collector's edition entitled "The Pinnacle", featuring top 100 industry personalities. WAP is also the organizer of the much sought-after Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards, which is now running its 5th series.

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