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TTG's 16th Annual Travel Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner **MORE TRAVEL STARS MAKE THEIR MARK**

Singapore, October 13, 2005 – TTG Asia Media takes the Asia-Pacific travel industry's most coveted and influential awards to the next level. In keeping with the dynamism and trends influencing the industry, this year's annual awards see the addition of 12 brand new titles. These new awards recognise rising players for being outstanding leaders in their own niche and their significant contributions made in shaping the region's industry into what it is today.

Set at the Royal Cliff Beach Hotel in tropical & idyllic Pattaya, the 650 attendees at the 16th Annual Travel Awards were wined & dined in black and gold elegance, as the evening unveiled this year's 61 winners.

This is the third year TTG has timed the annual Travel Awards in October to coincide with the region's leading MICE and Corporate Travel trade event - Incentive Travel & Conventions, Meetings Asia (IT&CMA) and Corporate Travel World (CTW) Asia-Pacific. It is the second co-location of these two events here in Thailand, and their first in Pattaya, following Bangkok last year.

New Additions Make For A Better Travel Awards

For the duration of 2 months since mid-July, more than 7,200 of TTG's readers across 17 countries in the Asia-Pacific placed their nominations to determine the winners of 54 awards in 2 categories – Travel Supplier and Travel Agent awards. This is the first time that TTG's *BTN Asia-Pacific*, *BTN China* and *TTGmice* readers joined *TTG Asia* and *TTG China* readers, to represent the voice of the travel trade in determining the industry's best. These votes garnered through online voting and printed questionnaires translated to a response rate of 13.5%.

The 7 awards in the 2 remaining categories – Outstanding Achievement awards and Travel Hall of Fame – are non-voting, with the 4 winners in the former category being chosen by TTG Asia's editorial team.

TTG Asia's editorial team nominated 2 new additions to recognize Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong, Founder of Genting Group, and Six Senses Hotels, Resorts & Spas as the respective pioneering winners of "Travel Entrepreneur of the Year" and "Most Environmentally Friendly Travel Company" in the Outstanding Achievement Awards category. This is in addition to the category's 2 established awards of "Travel Personality of the Year" and "Destination of the Year". The winners for these awards are Ms Jennie Chua, President & CEO of Raffles Holdings Ltd and Hong Kong respectively.

10 of this year's 12 new awards come from the Travel Supplier category. For the first time, TTG honours among others, Air Asia as the "Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier", Hong Kong's Regal Airport Hotel as the "Best Airport Hotel" and Singapore as the "Best BT MICE City".

The awards' elite Travel Hall of Fame proudly welcomes a new member into the family. Beginning this year, Hertz Asia-Pacific will join the elite ranks of the pioneering honoraries – Singapore Airlines and Singapore Changi Airport – who were first inducted in 2002. These 3 organisations epitomise the highest standards of excellence for having won the annual Travel Awards at least 10 times. This new addition to the hall symbolises the exceptional ability & accomplishment of the travel industry's organisations to consistently be recognised as leaders in their field.

Refer to the accompanying pages for the complete list of the 61 winners at TTG's 16th Annual Travel Awards.

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TTG's 16th Annual Travel Awards

List of Winners [61]

Travel Supplier Awards [40]

No.	Award Title	Recipient
Airline Awards [12]		
1	Airline of the Year	Cathay Pacific Airways
2	Best North American Airline	United Airlines
3	Best European Airline	Air France
4	Best Middle East/African Airline	Emirates
5	Best South Asian Airline	SriLankan Airlines
6	Best South-East Asian Airline	Malaysia Airlines
7	Best North Asian Airline	Cathay Pacific Airways
8	Best China Airline	Air China
9	Best Pacific Airline	Air New Zealand
10	Best Regional Airline	SilkAir
11	Best Domestic Airline	Jet Airways
12	Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier <small>New Award</small>	Air Asia
Hotels · Resorts · Serviced Apartments · Spa Awards [16]		
13	Best Global Hotel Chain	Accor
14	Best Regional Hotel Chain	Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts
15	Best Local Hotel Chain	Amari Hotels & Resorts
16	Best Luxury Hotel	Raffles Hotel Singapore
17	Best Budget Hotel	Ibis Slipi
18	Best Independent Hotel	The Garden Hotel Guangzhou
19	Best City Hotel	Imperial Hotel Tokyo
20	Best New City Hotel	Langham Place Hotel
21	Best Airport Hotel <small>New Award</small>	Regal Airport Hotel
22	Best Beach Resort	The Datai Langkawi
23	Best Resort Hotel (Non-Beach)	The Empire Hotel & Country Club
24	Best New Beach Resort <small>New Award</small>	Conrad Bali Resort & Spa
25	Best New Resort Hotel (Non- Beach) <small>New Award</small>	Uma Paro Hotel
26	Best Serviced Residence <small>New Award</small>	The Ascott Group
27	Best Spa Operator <small>New Award</small>	Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts
28	Best New Spa <small>New Award</small>	CHI Spa Shangri-La Bangkok
BT-MICE Awards [7]		
29	Best Airline – Business Class	Thai Airways International
30	Best Mid-Range Business Hotel	M Hotel Singapore
31	Best Business Hotel	Hilton Kuala Lumpur
32	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel	Royal Cliff Beach Resort
33	Best BT MICE City <small>New Award</small>	Singapore
34	Best Convention & Exhibition Centre <small>New Award</small>	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
35	Best Convention & Exhibition Bureau <small>New Award</small>	Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau
Other Awards [5]		
36	Best Airport	Hong Kong International Airport
37	Best GDS	Abacus International
38	Best Cruise Operator	Star Cruises
39	Best NTO	Department of Tourism, India
40	Best Theme Attraction	Macau Tower Convention & Entertainment Centre

Travel Agent Awards [14]

No.	Award Title	Recipient
41	Best Travel Agency - Australia	Flight Centre
42	Best Travel Agency – China	China International Travel Service
43	Best Travel Agency – Chinese Taipei	Phoenix Tours International
44	Best Travel Agency - Hong Kong SAR	Jetour
45	Best Travel Agency - India	Travelhouse
46	Best Travel Agency - Indonesia	Baya Buana Travel Services
47	Best Travel Agency - Japan	JTB Corp
48	Best Travel Agency - Malaysia	Holiday Tours & Travel Sdn Bhd
49	Best Travel Agency - Philippines	Rajah Travel
50	Best Travel Agency - Singapore	Chan Brothers Travel
51	Best Travel Agency - South Korea	Lotte Travel Development Co
52	Best Travel Agency - Thailand	World Travel Service Ltd
53	Best On-line Travel Agent	ZUJI
54	Best Corporate Travel Agency	American Express Corporate Services

Outstanding Achievement Awards [4]

No.	Award Title	Recipient
55	Travel Personality of the Year	Ms Jennie Chua President / CEO, Raffles Holdings Ltd
56	Destination of the Year	Hong Kong
57	Travel Entrepreneur of the Year <i>New Award</i>	Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong Founder, Genting Berhad
58	Most Environmentally Friendly Travel Company <i>New Award</i>	Six Senses Resorts & Spas

Travel Hall of Fame [3]

No.	Recipient	Year of Induction
59	Singapore Airlines	2002
60	Singapore Changi Airport	2002
61	Hertz Asia-Pacific <i>New Member</i>	2005