The EoY 2015 Malaysia Top Nominees are:

EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR CATEGORY

Tan Aik Keong
Studio Sdn Bhd

Dr Lucas Chia Apex Clinic Sdn Bhd

Matthew Chong

Paul Tan Oriven Communications Idn Bhd

Timothy Tiah

Ahmad Khalif lang Sdn Bhd

TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEUR CATEGORY Datuk Muhamad Guntor Mansor

Tobeng Gading Kencana Sdn Bhd

Edwin Lim One Technology Bhd

Dr Saw Khay Yong ledicine Centre Sdn Bhd

Liew Choon Lian MDT Innovations Sdn Bhd

Sam Ooi OCK Group Bhd

WOMAN ENTREPRENEUR CATEGORY

Jerrene Pang Coolblog Group of Companies

Agnest Chan Mexcomm Sdn Bhd

Anne Tham Sirius International (M) Sdn Bhd

Master Entrepreneur Category Lee Thiam Wah

Lau Kee Von

aland Industry Sdn Bhd Datuk Tan Say Jim

Song Hoi-See nium Lounge

(M) Sdn Bhd Datuk Seri Chong Ket Pen

Law King Hui loldings Bhd

20 nominated for EoY Malaysia awards

Winners will be announced at a gala event in December

BY YIMIE YONG

KUALA LUMPUR: Ernst & Young (EY) has returned for the 14th year with its annual awards for entrepreneurs, which sees 20 nominees competing at this year's EY Entrepreneur of the Year (EoY) Malaysia Awards in the emerging, technology, woman and master categories.

At a function co-hosted by Credit Suisse AG sterday, EY revealed the 20 shortlisted candidates who were chosen by a panel of judges guided by a set of criteria applied globally under the EY EoY programme.
"The panel of judges spent many hours eval

uating the entrepreneurs' submissions, and we were impressed and moved by the stories and entrepreneurial spirit of each. The submissions also reflect the diverse and interesting entrepreneurs in Malaysia, which makes Malaysia special in the entrepreneurial context," said Tan Sri Rebecca Sta Maria, a member of the judging panel.

In this year's master entrepreneur category, the nominees are Lee Thiam Wah of 99 Speedmart Sdn Bhd, Lau Kee Von (Cocoaland Industry Sdn Bhd), Datuk Tan Say Jim (Iris Corp Bhd), Song Hoi-See (Plaza Premium Lounge (M) Sdn Bhd), Datuk Seri Chong Ket Pen (Protasco Bhd), and Law King Hui (Sasbadi Holdings Bhd).

Under the women entrepreneur category, three candidates were shortlisted. There are Jerrene Pang of Coolblog Group of Companies, Agnest Chan (Mexcomm Sdn Bhd), and Anne Tham (Sirius International (M) Sdn Bhd).

In the technology entrepreneur category, the nominees are Datuk Muhamad Guntor Mansor Tobeng of Gading Kencana Sdn Bhd, Edwin Lim (K-One Technology Bhd), Dr Saw Khay Yong (Kuala Lumpur Sports Medicine Centre Sdn Bhd), Liew Choon Lian (MDT Innovations Sdn Bhd), and Sam Ooi (OCK Group Bhd).

In the fourth category, that is, the emerging entrepreneur category, the six nominees are Tan Aik Keong of Agmo Studio Sdn Bhd, Dr Lucas Chia (Apex Clinic Sdn Bhd), Matthew Chong (Brandker Group Sdn Bhd), Paul Tan (Driven Communications Sdn Bhd), Timothy Tiah (Netccentric Ltd), and Ahmad Khalif (Tujuan Gemilang Sdn Bhd).



From Left: Abdul Rauf, Lau, Chong, Tan Say Jim, Lee (on wheelchair), Plaza Premium Lounge (M) Sdn Bhd Malaysia & Singapore country manager Kimberly Wong, and Law. Photo by Suhaimi Yusuf

EY Malaysia country managing partner Datuk Abdul Rauf Rashid said the EoY programme is a natural extension of its commitment to encourage people to think about what it takes to be an entrepreneur and how they can create an environment where innovation and creativity can thrive.

EY Malaysia advisory partner and pro-gramme director of the EY EOY Malaysia wards Philip Rao said the company is gratified that there is still a high level of interest in the programme. "To us, it is a reflection of the high esteem and value in which the programme is regarded," he added.

Lee, founder and managing director of 99 Speedmart, said he is happy to be one of the country's top nominees in this year's EoY programme as this would encourage him and his eam to continue to deliver better performance.

"We will be opening about 120 outlets next ear, mainly in Sabah, Johor and other parts of the peninsula," he told The Edge Financial Daily at the event.

Cocoaland's managing director Lau said he is confident of winning the highly-coveted EY EoY 2015 Malaysia award.

"We are still growing even during difficult times. This shows our resilience," he said, adding that his company will be focusing its candy business in China this year.

Meanwhile, Driven Communications' Paul,

who is the founder of the popular automobile website, paultan.org, said he was surprised to be nominated for an award in the emerging entrepreneur category, adding that this will motivate him to continue to grow his company.

Winners of the four category awards as well as the EY EoY 2015 Malaysia award will be announced and celebrated at a gala event in December. The Malaysian EY EoY 2015 will then join country award recipients from around the globe in Monte Carlo in June 2016 to compete for the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 award.

IHH Healthcare plans tertiary unit in China

BY MEENA LAKSHANA

KUALA LUMPUR: IHH Healthcare Bhd is expected to open its first tertiary medical facility in Chengdu, China, in the second half of 2017.

In a statement yesterday, IHH Healthcare said the group, through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary M&P Investments Pte Ltd and its partner Shanghai Broad Ocean Investments Co Ltd (Broad Ocean), have entered into a lease agreement with Perennial Real Estate Holdings Ltd to operate a 350-bed tertiary hospital at Perennial International Health and Medical Hub in Chengdu.

Under the agreement, M&P and Broad Ocean will, through their joint-venture (JV) company, lease a space of at least 48,000 sq m at the Chinese hospital.

The lease is subject to M&P and Broad

Ocean obtaining the government and regulatory approvals to establish a JV company to operate the hospital, the statement read.

The new ParkwayHealth Chengdu Hospital will be IHH Healthcare's first tertiary facility in Chengdu, under its largest operating subsidiary Parkway Pantai Ltd. The new hospital complements IHH Healthcare's existing presence in mainland China, where the group already operates 11 medical centres, cluding one in Chengdu.

IHH Healthcare managing director and chief executive officer Dr Tan See Leng said the ParkwayHealth Chengdu Hospital would further spearhead the group's growth into the tertiary segment in China and provide an opportunity for it to move up the value chain in a key growth market.

"Its strategic location will also allow us to

tap into demand for quality healthcare in the rapidly growing western region," he added.
"This is another significant step towards becoming a leading international healthcare provider in Greater China and Hong Kong, e added.

The ParkwayHealth Chengdu Hospital will offer specialised care and services, such as obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, cardiology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology and internal medicine.

Apart from China, IHH Healthcare also operates a medical centre in Hong Kong, and is constructing the 500-bed Gleneagles Hong Kong Hospital, which is on track to open in early 2017. IHH Healthcare shares closed eight sen or 1.26% higher at RM6.42 yesterday, with a market capitalisation of RM52.7 billion.

