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SOUTHEAST ASIA'S NEXT GENERATION OF TRAILBLAZERS

This year shines a spotlight on remarkable talent across the region, spanning across 10 countries and 11 diverse sectors. From CEOs, entrepreneurs and technology innovators to musicians, authors, psychologists, athletes, and humanitarian leaders; they are driving innovation, strengthening communities and creating positive change throughout Southeast Asia.

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The Women of the Future Awards, founded by Pinky Lilani CBE DL in 2006, provide a platform for the next generation of trailblazers across Southeast Asia. We are honoured to have HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh as our Global Ambassador, Vicki Treadell CMG, MVO, Former British Diplomat as our Vice Chair and Nikesh Mehta OBE, British High Commissioner to Singapore as Chair of the Judging Panel.



PINKY LILANI CBE DL

**FOUNDER AND CHAIR,
WOMEN OF THE FUTURE PROGRAMME**

“ We are delighted to announce the final shortlists for this year’s Women of the Future Awards. My heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful sponsors, judges and partners for helping us celebrate the remarkable women who continue to inspire, lead and create positive change. This year, we honour not only outstanding achievements, but also the resilience, ambition and vision of the women shaping our future.

Pinky Lilani



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ARTS & CULTURE

Carell Ethilca Belandres-Henry, Pianist, Author, Pedagogue, & Researcher, The Philippines-Tokyo Concert Series and Musikreya Piano Books, [Philippines](#)

Quynh Huong Thi Dang, Founder & Owner, Bao Xuyen Lam Co., Ltd, [Vietnam](#)

Yong Yue Oh, Musician & Social Media Content Creator, Storycraft Music Production, [Malaysia](#)

Pia Duran, Chief Storyteller & Impact Strategist, Sinesoledad Multimedia, [Philippines](#)

Pim Wangtechawat, Author, [Thailand](#)

Sreypheak Keo, Manager, MeDha Women Drummers, [Cambodia](#)

BUSINESS

Larabella Myers, Director - Cyber and Crisis Risk Consulting, APAC, Aon, [Singapore](#)

Myat Thet Htat Win, CEO, Max Speed Electric Vehicles, [Myanmar](#)

Gechpor Kim, Associate, Corporate Finance, Yuanta Securities Cambodia, [Cambodia](#)

Minh Phuong (Alex) Nguyen, Director, Entrepreneurship Lab (ELab) - Research Management Office, Vin University, [Vietnam](#)

Marite Metsla, Vice President & Head of Agentic Workforce Transformation, NTT DATA, [Singapore](#)

COMMUNITY SPIRIT & PUBLIC SERVICE

Agita Pasaribu, Founder & Executive Director, Bullyji App - NMA Foundation, [Indonesia](#)

Dalin Chin, Project Leader, Sisters of Code, [Cambodia](#)

Jolene Joan Anthony Dass, Humanitarian Affairs Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières, [Malaysia](#)

Karry Lekh, Student, Bachelor of Psychology - Royal University of Phnom Penh, [Cambodia](#)

Sarah Haji Abdul Mutalif, General Secretary, Persatuan Kemajuan Insan (KESAN), [Brunei](#)

Sharmishta Sivaramakrishnan, Senior Manager, Global Public Affairs, Alliance to End Plastic Waste, [Singapore](#)

ENTREPRENEUR

Ezza Anwar, Co-Founder & CEO, As-Sehha Group (YEGGOO), [Brunei](#)

Peony Sin Hui Wen, Founder & Creative Director, RBP Couture House, [Malaysia](#)

Quynh Mai Pham, Founder & CEO, HUMA INVESTMENT AND CONSULTING, [Vietnam](#)

Pannsi Soe Myint, Co-Founder & Director, Ori Natural Power Co., Ltd, [Myanmar](#)

Aeint Myat Chel, Founder, MG&J Jewelry Co., Ltd, [Myanmar](#)

ESG/SUSTAINABILITY

Rachana Sam At, Lead Researcher, Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Organization, [Cambodia](#)

Dr Charis Yeap Khai Leang, SE Asia Regional Lead for Green Finance and Carbon Pricing Mechanisms, British High Commission Singapore, UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, [Malaysia](#)

Krystel Mae J. Peñaflor, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Youth Climate Navigators, [Philippines](#)

Chow Shenn Kuan, Senior Manager of Advocacy, Yayasan Hasanah, [Malaysia](#)

Nguyen Thi Cam Tu, Country Leader, Let's Do It Vietnam and World Cleanup Day (Vietnam), [Vietnam](#)

MEDIA

Lita Kry, Deputy Director of Youth Programs, The Cambodia China Times, [Cambodia](#)

Jeannette Zes Giovani, Founder & Creator, ByJeannetteZes, [Indonesia](#)

Nathamon (Hiligh) Silprachawong, Student, Founder of Source of Success & Co-Founder of All TCAS, Source of Success, [Thailand](#)

Nina Unlay, Co-Founder & Editorial Director, Sustina (Philippine Sustainability Intelligence Association, Inc.), [Philippines](#)

Priscilla Kim Ong, Founder & CEO, Selarati, [Cambodia](#)

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Datuk Nicol David, Founder & Programme Director, Nicol David Organisation, [Malaysia](#)

Kamori Osthanda, Climate Negotiator, Thailand Delegation to the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP), [Thailand](#)

Lance Little, Head of Region, Asia Pacific, Roche Diagnostics Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, [Singapore](#)

Nicole van der Elst Desai, Founder, VDE consultancy, [Singapore](#)

Phimmaly Thammavong, National Green Climate Fund Coordination Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), [Laos](#)

Sotheary Yim, Founding Director, Clinical Psychologist, Executive Coach, Peace & Conflict Consultant, SNEHA Centre, [Cambodia](#)

PROFESSIONS

Sonisa Noun, Independent Design Anthropologist & Senior Art Director, [Cambodia](#)

Palinyakone Panyathip, CEO, Panyathip British International School, [Laos](#)

Dr. Felisse Marianne Z. San Juan, Founder & Clinical Psychologist, San Juan Psychological Clinic, [Philippines](#)

Jasmine Chia Siew Min, Lecturer, Monash University Malaysia, [Malaysia](#)

Vo Thi My Duyen, Director Of Studies & Chief AI Behavior Officer, VTALK Academy, [Vietnam](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL

Nuralia Khoirunisa Binte Zahid, BIM Manager, Asia Infrastructure Solutions Pte Ltd, [Singapore](#)

Joanelyn V. Cadampog, Founder & Executive Director, HABI Science & Technology Initiative, Culay Co., [Philippines](#)

Porhour Ly, Head of Product, Boost Capital, [Cambodia](#)

Fay Ulrica Lee Ai Vern, Founder & CEO, Far Out Solutions, [Malaysia](#)

Kasia Lee, Founder, Growgreat, [Singapore](#)

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

Eng Dalin, Founder & Executive Director, M'day Wellness Enterprise, [Cambodia](#)

Htet Htet Aung, Founder & Program Leader, The Bridge, [Thailand](#)

Lynette Seow, Co-Founder & COO, Safe Space, [Singapore](#)

Nguyễn Thị Thanh Vân, Founder & Lead Researcher, S2M Mango Vegan Leather / VIVIAN Education, [Vietnam](#)

Anabel Poh, Co-founder, Creative Director & Partnerships, Remade In Foundation, [Singapore](#)

Muylang Nguon, CEO, Heang Hok Kheang Ice Factory, [Cambodia](#)

SPORT

Lay Lor, Rugby Development Officer & Life Skills and Rugby Educator, Lao Rugby Federation, [Laos](#)

Rovina Santos, Development Officer - Olongapo, Philippine Rugby Football Union (PRFU), [Philippines](#)

Chhenghorng That, Cambodian Karate Athlete, Ministry of Economic and Finance Karate Club, [Cambodia](#)

Vitiny Hemthom, Olympian & Swimming Coach of Cambodia National Team, Cambodia Aquatics Federation, [Cambodia](#)