

11 M'sian achievers under 30 make Forbes list



Rising stars: (from left) Patel, Chuah, Ong, Chen, Cheong and Chia.

KUALA LUMPUR: Eleven Malaysian entrepreneurs are among the 300 from 23 Asia-Pacific countries listed in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia this year.

Forbes said the group of young stars was chosen from over 2,000 entries, heavily researched by a team of reporters and vetted by an A-list of judges for their work in technological innovations and disrupting age-old industries, among others.

The Malaysian entrepreneurs are Aaron Patel, Bobby Ong, T.M. Lee, Chris Christie, Michelle Tan, Cheong Jooxin, Joolin Chuah, Kendrick Wong, Melvin Poh, Sarah Chen and Chia Wen Shin.

Patel is the chief executive officer of iHandal Energy Solutions, an engineering and contracting firm specialising in improving the thermal energy efficiency of commercial and industrial buildings.

Ong and Lee are co-founders of CoinGecko, a cryptocurrency data aggregator that tracks price, volume, social and developer stats.

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with Western University in Canada and Humboldt University in Berlin in producing cryptocurrency research.

Christie and Tan are co-founders of digital media group INFLUASIA, which caters to the English, Malay and Mandarin-speaking communi-

ties of Malaysia via their portals World of Buzz, Lobak Merah and NOODOU.

Cheong is the founder of Poladrone, a company which took the drone to the palm oil industry to boost the efficiency in Malaysian oil palm plantations and crop farms.

Chuah is an associate in Insignia Ventures Partners who was instrumental in nearly 10 investments in 2018, including promising startups such as igloohome, CoHive and Sayurbox.

She is widely known as the go-to adviser for many entrepreneurs in South-East Asia and sits on the board of Finhay, a robo-advisory platform in Vietnam.

Wong is the co-founder of Omnilytics, a fashion analytics platform that offers real-time market intelligence data across 75,000 brands.

Omnilytics' big data services are used by retailers worldwide as well as by financial market clients.

Poh, 27, is the co-founder of The Asian Entrepreneur, an international publisher and media plat-

form with an active readership in 13 countries.

The Asian Entrepreneur recently partnered the governments of Malaysia, Macau and South Korea to initiate several startup communities and events.

Chen is a co-founder of The Billion Dollar Fund for Women, the primary goal of which was to tackle the gender funding gap faced by female founders.

The fund hopes to have invested US\$1bil (RM4bil) in startups driven by women by 2020, and has secured pledges of over US\$750mil (RM3bil) from global investors including Gobi Partners, Golden Gate Ventures, Rethink Impact, Springboard Growth Capital, Backstage Capital and Different Funds.

Meanwhile, Chia is the founder of Green Yards, an eco-products company that makes soaps and candles from recycled cooking oil.

The company, which sources oil from Malaysia's restaurants and households, sells the products online and in gift shops in the country. — Bernama

Rembau hospital to open in June, says minister

PUTRAJAYA: The RM104mil Rembau Hospital in Negri Sembilan will be opened in June, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said.

He said the 76-bed hospital, the construction of which began in September 2013, would be part of a hospital cluster with Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital in Seremban, which means specialists from there would visit the Rembau Hospital regularly to provide their services.

“The local residents will get the best health services,” he said, adding it was now 90% completed.

Speaking after a meeting with pharmaceutical industry players here, Dr Dzulkefly also said the proposed upgrading of two health clinics in Rantau and Bandar Baru Sendayan in Negri Sembilan to Type 3 facilities would start soon and each project cost RM35mil.

The health clinics would have quarters for staff and be able to provide support and clinical services to about 800 patients a day, he said.

On another matter, Dr Dzulkefly said the ministry was still working on the special mechanism to implement the price controls on drugs in the market. — Bernama