Singapore Computer Society Announces
IT Leader Awards 2014 Winners

21 February 2014 - Singapore Computer Society (SCS), the nation’s largest body for infocomm professionals, today announced the winners of the IT Leader Awards 2014, As a national body for Infocomm professionals in Singapore, the Singapore Computer Society (SCS) strives to cultivate and promote entrepreneurship and innovations in Singapore. It was with this goal in mind that SCS inaugurated the IT Leader Awards in 1997. Since then, the IT Leader Awards presentation ceremony has become the hallmark of the SCS Gala Dinner.

The SCS Gala Dinner & IT Leader Awards 2014 was graced by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Information on 21 February 2014 at Shangri-La Hotel. The evening saw the gathering of over 900 Infocomm professionals and representatives from the government and private sectors.

The driving force behind the implementation of the IT Leader Awards is to recognise the significant achievements and contributions of outstanding individuals in the Infocomm industry so as to promote IT excellence and to advance the state of IT in Singapore. Recognition of noteworthy IT luminaries will serve as an inspiration and role models for younger Infocomm professionals to reach greater heights.

IT Leader 2014 Award Winners

This year, four distinguished individuals have been conferred.

**IT Leader of the Year**

**Ms Rosina Howe** is the Group Director, Innovation and InfoComm Technology of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (LTA) and concurrently its Chief Innovation Officer and Chief Data Officer. She developed Singapore’s land transport service strategy through the innovative use of ICT. Under her leadership, the use of ICT permeates through all key business functions including strategic units such as policy formulation and transport planning which helped the country and organisation to win numerous international awards and accolades.

**Hall of Fame**

**Ms Yong Ying-I** is the Chairman of IDA. She spearheaded the formation of the IT national agency and under her leadership, significant milestones were achieved such as the full liberalisation of Singapore’s telecommunications market. She also led the development of the national blueprint to transform Singapore into an advanced and intelligent nation powered by Infocomm.

**Young Professional of the Year**

**Mr Nicholas Chan** is the founder of Azione Capital and Managing Director of Fredrik Marine IT Services. An entrepreneur at heart, the winner co-founded at least ten companies, seven of which were technology companies ranging from IT services for trading, HR to the marine industry. He is now the CEO of a successful business providing IT Services for the demanding requirements of the global maritime industry. His passion in entrepreneurship
and innovation has also led him to host the monthly Singapore Entrepreneurs Network, the largest entrepreneur/technopreneur group in Singapore on MeetUp.com since 2005. The network brings together budding entrepreneurs and successful entrepreneur-mentors,

**IT Youth**

*Mr Tay Wei Kiat* is the co-founder of social classified start-up, Oompr! Pte Ltd. Created The Wicked, a collaborative online puzzle that was hailed by The Straits Times as having commanded a “cult-like” following. He was also the brains behind the used textbook marketplace, BookINBookOUT. Drawing on the lessons from BookINBookOUT, he co-founded yet another social marketplace in 2012, called Oompr! He believes in information technology as an instrument of change, and continues to leverage on his skills and expertise to be “always creating”.