

## **Three winners awarded the Prestigious Leader Award for the first time in the history of The Cybersecurity Awards 2024**

Singapore, 7 November 2024 – The highly anticipated annual Cybersecurity Awards (TCA) 2024 culminated in a grand ceremony held at the Sands Convention and Expo Centre on 7 November. Now in its seventh year, TCA 2024 made history by recognising three outstanding individuals in the Leader Award category for the first time. Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information, will be the Guest-of-Honour for the event, and will present the awards to all nine winners.

This year's Leader Award category honoured three exceptional leaders, each demonstrating unwavering dedication, passion, and leadership in their respective fields both locally and overseas, underscoring the diverse and dynamic nature of the cybersecurity landscape.

The awards also highlight the importance that cybersecurity is not a monolithic field but encompasses various specialised sub-domains. This year's winners from the Leader category exemplify how different facets of cybersecurity—from protecting the healthcare sector to advancing the technical development—are all fundamental in creating a safer digital environment.

AiSP President, Mr Tony Low highlighted at the event that “This year's Cybersecurity Awards are particularly special as we celebrate not one, but three exceptional leaders in the Leader Award category among other categories. Their achievements across the different sectors reflect the rich diversity within the cybersecurity field. Each of these leaders has shown remarkable dedication and passion, reminding us that cybersecurity is a multifaceted discipline requiring excellence in various domains. Their recognition is a testament to the evolving landscape of cybersecurity and the critical role these sub-domains play in keeping our digital world secure.”

Commissioner of Cybersecurity and Chief Executive of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), Mr David Koh said “Today, we honour the remarkable contributions of a distinguished group of cybersecurity professionals and organisations. Each has played a vital role in making Singapore's cyberspace safer, contributing in unique and meaningful ways in their own areas. Their efforts not only strengthen Singapore's

defence against ever-evolving cyber threats but also drive innovation in the cybersecurity landscape. We hope their achievements will inspire others to join this important profession, to meet Singapore's demand for a diversified pool of talents to tackle ever-evolving cybersecurity challenges so that we can reap the benefits of technology while minimising risks."

### **About Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP)**

Started in 2008, the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) aims to:

- Promote the integrity, status and interests of Information Security Professionals in Singapore.
- Develop, support and enhance technical competence and management expertise in cybersecurity.
- Bolster the development, increase and spread of information.

Please refer to [www.aisp.sg](http://www.aisp.sg) or reach out to our media contacts for more details.

### **About The Cybersecurity Awards 2024**

The Cybersecurity Awards (TCA) is organised by the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP), supported by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), and Singapore Cyber Security Inter Association (SCSIA) which includes 9 organisations, one of which is AiSP. Comprising industry practitioners from Singapore and overseas, together with CSA and the organising committee, the judges for the awards were all volunteers contributing their time and expertise. TCA is open to all cybersecurity professionals and organisations at different stages of growth. Catering to various demographics including students, professionals and industry players, AiSP aims to make information security knowledge accessible to stakeholders in Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem. Please refer to [www.thecybersecurityawards.sg](http://www.thecybersecurityawards.sg) for more details.

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## **Annex A – Factsheet on the Cybersecurity Awards 2024 Finalists and Winners**

### **Student Category**

#### **1) Student Award**

This award recognises students in the Institutes of Higher Learning who are passionate about cybersecurity, have volunteered in this field, as well as attained achievements in their cybersecurity fields.

#### **Elton Tay Chee Hean (Winner)**

Being a cybersecurity enthusiast since Secondary 3, I have consistently pursued excellence in both academic and professional settings. From leading NYP Infosec SIG as President, I have contributed to the cybersecurity community through leading of numerous workshops and CTF events. Additionally, my role as owner of IngeniousApplications has allowed me to launch various initiatives for the community, and providing valuable mentorship to the future generation. These efforts underscore my unwavering dedication to advancing cybersecurity, fostering a culture of security awareness, and my desire to continue to push the limits on what is possible while mentoring our future cybersecurity professionals.

#### **2) Professional Category**

##### **a) Professional Award**

This award recognises the significant achievements of cybersecurity professionals and their contributions to their professions and communities. The Nominees must have also demonstrated how they have raised Singapore's standing in cybersecurity beyond its shores by leveraging their cybersecurity expertise.

#### **Genie Sugene Gan (Winner)**

My career in cybersecurity has been defined by a global perspective and an unyielding drive to create change. I am proud of the impact my work has made across different countries and cultures. Breaking barriers has been at the core of my journey—whether it's as a woman in tech, transitioning mid-career, navigating technical disciplines without formal training, or leading through a pandemic. Each challenge has fueled my

commitment to shaping a more secure digital world. These experiences underscore the potential within each of us to shatter glass ceilings. I hope my journey can inspire others to leave a lasting mark on their chosen field.

## **b) Leader**

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### **Johnny Kho (Winner)**

In his volunteer and cyber community work, Johnny Kho has made contribution under AISP and other professional associations.

**Strengthening Cybersecurity Awareness:** He focused on enhancing public awareness about cybersecurity issues through various campaigns and educational initiatives.

**Community Engagement:** Johnny fostered collaboration among cybersecurity professionals, promoting networking and sharing of best practices within the community and this is through formation of Special Interest Groups under AISP and cross-collaboration with other like-minded association.

**Advocacy for Cybersecurity Policies:** He actively engaged with government bodies to advocate for better cybersecurity policies and frameworks, ensuring that the concerns of professionals in the field were represented.

**Professional Development Programs:** Under his leadership, AiSP introduced various training and certification programs aimed at upskilling professionals in the cybersecurity sector.

**Events and Conferences:** Johnny played a significant role in organizing key events and conferences under AISP that brought together industry leaders to discuss current trends and challenges in cybersecurity."

### **Leonard Ong (Winner)**

Leonard served in transformative leadership roles for both global and national organizations. He achieved "the firsts" milestones including global ISO27001 & MLPS Level 3 certifications, and establishing regional cybersecurity function. In this current role, he took on a significant challenge of a complex public healthcare sector. He is responsible for addressing cyber and technology risks right from the core through cybersecurity policies, sector-wide risk management framework and methodology, Medical Device & Operational Technology, CII cyber readiness, crisis management and cyber awareness. He has been appointed for additional duties leading Enterprise Risk Management and Data Protection for Synapxe, the national healthtech agency.

### **Steven Sim (Winner)**

Chairing OT-ISAC Executive Committee, OT cybersecurity competencies highlighted in Singapore OT Cybersecurity Masterplans have been elevated in Singapore and beyond. Steering ISACA Singapore as President (2021-2022), its 3381 strong membership and public were provided with 310 Continuing Professional Education hours via 105 sharing sessions and 2 annual conferences, resulting in global ISACA Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award. As member of ISACA Information Security Advisory Group and member of Technical Community for Geneva Dialogue for Responsible Behaviors in Cyberspace, Steven also topic-leads 9.7K-member strong ISACA Emerging Technology Forum, exuding thought leadership in the intersections of risk governance with use/misuse of AI, etc.

### **c) Hall of Fame**

This award recognises honouring outstanding individual for exceptional contribution to the profession, society or field of expertise.

### **Prof Alex Siow (Winner)**

In 1989, as HDB's CIO, Alex led cyberdefense initiatives. Over the years he was a strong advocate for Security Policy, Governance, and leads three cybersecurity firms and CSA Singapore Chapter.

## **Enterprise Category**

### **a) SME Vendor**

This award recognises small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that have contributed significantly to Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem, profession and society. Nominees are also judged on their efforts in raising Singapore's standing in cybersecurity, initiatives to raise security awareness in their organisations and human resource practices for the development of cybersecurity professionals.

### **Yeswehack Pte Ltd (Winner)**

YesWeHack works with over 70 organisations across Singapore and Asia, including some of the largest banks, telcos and government agencies in the region. Our Singapore office was launched in 2019, with more than 15 employees now based here. We empower businesses to secure their digital assets and customer data with our suite of bug bounty & vulnerability management solutions. Through YesWeHack, organisations are able to leverage crowdsourced security testing and gain access to a diverse pool of security researchers all around the world.

Over the years, we also constantly promote knowledge sharing in the industry – with our sponsorship of local & regional cybersecurity events, collaborations with AISP, Div0, local universities & polytechnics (ie. NUS, SIT, SP), as well as student interest groups like NUS GreyHats, N0H4TS, and more. In addition to conducting Bug Bounty workshops and Bug Bounty challenges to expose youths to ethical hacking, we also host annual client conferences to provide learning & networking opportunities amongst security professionals. These are all part of our efforts to continually invest in and develop the cybersecurity community in Singapore and the region.

### **b) MNC Vendor**

This award recognises multinational corporations (MNCs) operating in Singapore, that have contributed significantly to Singapore's ecosystem, profession and society. Nominees are judged on their efforts in raising Singapore's standing in cybersecurity, initiatives to raise security awareness in their organisations and human resource practices for their cybersecurity professionals.

## **ST Engineering Pte Ltd (Winner)**

ST Engineering Cyber is a trusted cybersecurity leader in safeguarding government, critical infrastructure, and enterprises with unparalleled cyber resilience. Our comprehensive suite of cybersecurity solutions is backed by deep domain expertise and a proven track record, offering end-to-end capabilities.

We elevate our ecosystem's cybersecurity posture through thought leadership at local and international forums. We also contribute actively to national and global cyber resilience exercises which are organised by Cyber Security Agency of Singapore / MINDEF Digital & Intelligence Service and NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence respectively.

We believe in inspiring and developing our next generation cyber defenders, as evident through our collaborations with Cyber Youth Singapore and Institutes of Higher Learning.

### **c) MNC End User**

This award recognises Singapore-based multinational corporations (MNCs) that have contributed significantly to Singapore's ecosystem, profession and society. Nominees are also judged on their efforts in raising Singapore's standing in cybersecurity, initiatives to raise security awareness in their organisations and human resource practices as well as corporate social responsibility.

## **Grab (Winner)**

Grab is a leading superapp in Southeast Asia operating across delivery, mobility, and digital financial services. We are committed to using technology to empower communities, drive change, and create a secure, inclusive digital ecosystem. Beyond protecting millions of users, our cybersecurity team promotes public good through cyber and digital literacy programmes with schools and professionals, Women-in-Tech initiatives, and cyber awareness workshops. With a firm commitment to community outreach, we have embarked on a corporate partnership with IMDA's Digital for Life movement. Together, these efforts firmly reflect our mission to uplift communities and create a safer, more inclusive digital landscape.

## Programme

Time	Description
6pm	Registration commences
6.15pm	Media to interview Winners and Finalists (Based on request)
6:30pm	Arrival of GOH
7:05pm	AiSP President's welcome remarks
7:15pm	GOH's opening remarks
7:15pm	Award Presentation and Individual Photo of TCA24 Winners with GOH
7:35pm	Group Photo with TCA 2024 winners
7:40pm	Start of Banquet Dinner
9.00pm	End of Banquet Dinner