

Seven Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Selected for IWECA Awards 2011

The International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge Awards (IWECA Awards) 2011, an international award for extraordinary women entrepreneurs, will be held on November 13-16, 2011 in Manhattan, New York, USA. Seven outstanding businesswomen representing different countries around the world have been nominated as awardees for this year's IWECA Awards.

The seven awardees come from India, Bangladesh, Mongolia, the Philippines and Australia, and they are:



1. Ms. Meera Kulkarni, Managing Director, Mountain Valley Springs India Pvt Ltd (India);



2. Ms. Naitam Raman, Managing Director, Singrimari Tea Estate (P) Limited (India);



3. Ms. Manjula Reddy, Director, The Country Club India Limited (India);



4. Ms. Sultana Shirin Akter, Proprietor, Alivi Enterprise (Bangladesh);



5. Ms. Bolormaa B, CEO of UEIC, Mongolemimpex Concen (Mongolia);



6. Ms. Maria Socorro M. Malitao, President & CEO, Standout Group Of Companies (Philippines);



7. Ms. Diane Tompson, Managing Director - Novaris & Managing Director - PowerCom (Australia)

Organized jointly by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ladies Organization (FICCI-FLO), Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, Spain and Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, USA, the IWECA Awards is a milestone as it binds four continents – Africa, Asia, Europe and the USA. Leading women entrepreneurs from Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Kenya, Mongolia, New York, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Spain will lead and inspire other women to follow in their footsteps.

With the mission of developing a global network for successful women business owners, the IWECA has the following aims:

- * To bridge the gap between the micro and large industry;

- * To present a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experience and connectivity among women business owners of countries worldwide;

- * To set the stage for new business opportunities, joint ventures, global business cooperation;

- * To promote a dialogue among women entrepreneurs and business leaders;

- * To support international business initiatives led by women;

- * To provide a boost for some of the best business initiatives developed by women; and

- * To facilitate access to markets and business opportunities between the East and the West.

The combined annual revenue of last year's 22 awardees amounts to US\$3 billion. These companies employ over 27,000 employees and represent various industries, including aviation, CNG refueling, bio pesticides, education and manufacturing. They represent some of the most influential business women in the world.

Interested parties may wish to visit the official website at www.iwecawards.com for more information.

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