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## Winsemius Awards to honour Dr. Albert Winsemius' legacy and to celebrate the long-lasting bond between Singapore and the Netherlands.

**October 12, 2023 (Singapore)** – The Dutch Chamber of Commerce (DutchCham) are honoured and pleased to announce that Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State for Finance and the new Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei Mrs. Anneke Adema are our guests of honour at the Winsemius Awards 2023. These memorable guests **symbolize and strengthen the long-lasting bond and strong business ties between Singapore and the Netherlands.**

The DutchCham Winsemius Awards are named after Dutch economist Dr. Albert Winsemius (1910-1996), who played a major role in shaping Singapore's national economic development strategy. He was best known for serving as the economic advisor to Singapore between 1961 and 1984. He led the United Nations Survey Mission to Singapore and presented a 10-year development plan to transform Singapore from an entrepot trading port into a centre of manufacturing and industrialisation.

Winsemius is largely credited by Mr. Lee Kuan Yew for laying the foundations for Singapore's economic progress and prosperity. In a letter to his family, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew wrote: *"It was Singapore's good fortune that he [Winsemius] took a deep and personal interest in Singapore's development. Singapore and I personally are indebted to him for the time, energy and development he gave to Singapore. I am proud to have known him and to have been his friend."*

As an architect of Singapore's economic policies in the early days, Dr. Albert Winsemius and Mr. Lee Kuan Yew developed close relations over the years. Their friendly relationship symbolizes the very close ties and connections between Singapore and the Netherlands.

For his contributions to Singapore's economic development, Winsemius was conferred several honours. In 1967, Yusof Ishak, the first President of Singapore, awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal. In 1970, he was conferred an honorary degree by the National University of Singapore. In 1976, he received the National Trades Union Congress' May Day Gold Medal of Honour.

The Winsemius Awards recognise and celebrate innovative and impactful achievements, and are the most prestigious form of **recognition for Dutch or Singaporean companies in Singapore on collaboration, business achievement, innovation, social responsibility and sustainability.** Truly in Dr. Albert Winsemius' spirit and legacy.

We are proud to announce our guests of honour for the Winsemius Awards 2023:  
Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State for Finance  
H.E. Mrs. Anneke Adema, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the DutchCham Winsemius Awards will be held on Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fairmont in Singapore and will bring together 225 distinguished guests from the Singaporean and Dutch business community.

Three awards will be awarded in the following [categories](#):

**Winsemius Red Orange Award.**

The Red Orange Award highlights the importance of the long standing and ongoing relationship between The Netherlands and Singapore.

*Nominees are:*

- Fluitec
- Urban Farming Partners Singapore
- Vanderlande

More information and pitch videos of the three nominees in this category [here](#)

**Winsemius Outstanding Business Achievement Award.**

The Outstanding Business Achievement Award celebrates the success of an organization and honours its business performance, longevity, development of a new direction, business growth and/or any significant innovations with tangible results and benefiting Dutch Business in Singapore.

*Nominees are:*

- AkzoNobel
- Growy
- MO Batteries

More information and pitch videos of the three nominees in this category [here](#)

**Winsemius Community Impact Award.**

The Community Impact Award recognizes and honours companies' commitment to positively impacting any of the Singaporean communities with tangible results.

*Nominees are:*

- Netherlands Charity Association (NCA)
- Randstad
- Urban Farming Partners Singapore

More information and pitch videos of the three nominees in this category [here](#)

**About DutchCham:** [DutchCham](#) (Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore), is a recognized organisation that connects the Dutch business community in Singapore. We are a platform to share and showcase knowledge, skills and expertise through a large variety of business and social activities and events. Our mission is to inform, connect and inspire professionals and companies in Singapore with a shared interest in Dutch business.

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