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TTG Travel Awards 2014 Celebrates Its Silver Jubilee With 82 Of The Region's Best And Brightest Organisations

Bangkok, 2 October 2014 – Marching into its silver jubilee, TTG Travel Awards 2014 culminates on this night in celebration of the 82 winners who represent the best and brightest in the Asia-Pacific industry.

With defending winners holding their grounds strong, 12 new winners made their way into TTG Travel Awards 2014. First-time winners such as Virgin Australia and Starwood Hotels and Resorts have successfully claimed titles that were dominated by long-time winners, taking the honor of Best Pacific Airline and Best Global Hotel Chain respectively.

Making an impression on the industry with standards above their peers, debuting winners includes new properties such as Ramada Singapore At Zhongshan Park, Gran Melia Jakarta, Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villa Hua Hin and The Mulia Bali, reflecting the competitiveness among hotels and resorts.

While first-time winners made their way into the TTG Travel Awards, veteran organisations such as Qatar Airways, Air China, Regal Airport Hotel, Banyan Tree Spas, Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau have consistently been at the top of their league, with at least 9 consecutive wins over the years.

Also in the limelight were 8 of tonight's 82 winning organisations & individuals, that have made a remarkable comeback into the awards. Among them were Shangri-la Hotels and Resorts reclaiming their crown as Best Luxury Hotel Brand, Japan National Tourism Board regaining its hold as the Best NTO and The Venetian Macao returning as the Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel. Other returning winners include Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok (Best City Hotel - Bangkok), Lotte Hotels and Resorts (Best City Hotel Seoul), Imperial Hotel Tokyo (Best City Hotel - Tokyo) and JTB Corporation (Best Travel Agency - Japan).

Amid strong competition, two organisations managed to take home not only one, but two Hermes trophies tonight. Thai Airways Internationals was crowned as the Best South-East Asian Airlines and Best Airline - Business class while Best Western International was recognized for Best Mid-Range Hotel Brand and also Best Trade Supporter, a newly added Outstanding Achievements Award handpicked by TTG Travel Trade Publishing's editorial team.

A new Outstanding Achievement award, Sustainable Travel Company of the Year was also added with Centara Hotels and Resorts winning this inaugural award. In the same category, The Philippines was crowned as the Destination of the Year for their relentless efforts to engage the industry, Brand USA for the Best Marketing and Development Effort and Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CEO of Hong Leong Group Singapore as the Best Travel Entrepreneur of the Year.

The 25th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2014 Ceremony and Gala Dinner was held in Centara Grand at CentralWorld, our official venue sponsor for the event. This annual event coincides with Incentive Travel & Conventions, Meetings Asia (IT&CMA) and Corporate Travel World (CTW) Asia-Pacific – The World’s Only Doublebill Event in MICE and Corporate Travel.

More information on the TTG Travel Awards can be found at: www.ttgasia.com/ttg-awards

Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2014 winners.

About TTG Travel Awards

The TTG Travel Awards has been recognising the best of Asia-Pacific’s travel industry since 1989. This prestigious annual event honours stellar organisations and individuals in 4 categories: Travel Supplier, Travel Agency, Outstanding Achievement and Travel Hall of Fame. This TTG Travel Trade Publishing event is proudly organised by TTG Asia, with the support of TTG India, TTG China, TTGmice, TTGassociations, TTG-BTmice China and TTG Asia Luxury.

About TTG Travel Trade Publishing

One Travel Trade Connection. Infinite Possibilities.

TTG Asia Media’s Travel Trade Publishing group has been connecting Asia-Pacific’s travel industry with its leading trade publications since 1974. The one-stop integrated portfolio of print and online titles spans the leisure trade, corporate travel, MICE and luxury travel domains, reaching key decision makers, influencers and professionals in each sector. The group’s titles are widely acclaimed as the industry’s preferred read and chosen by advertisers as an effective marketing platform. With its online titles, circulation now reaches readers worldwide. Core titles include TTG Asia, TTG China, TTG India, TTGmice, TTG-BTmice China, TTGassociations, TTG Asia Luxury and TTG Show Daily.

About TTG Asia Media

The Leading Travel and Tourism Publisher and Events Organiser In The Asia-Pacific

Established in 1974, TTG Asia Media is at the forefront of the Asia-Pacific travel and tourism industry. Its authority encompasses the leisure trade, luxury travel, corporate travel, MICE and association domains. Through its four business groups, the company publishes leading regional trade titles for the travel industry, Singapore maps and guides for inbound tourists, organises international trade events and creates solutions that foster global business collaborations among travel industry players worldwide.

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S/N	Title	Organisation
Airline Awards		
1	Best North American Airline	Air Canada
2	Best European Airline	Finnair
3	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways
4	Best South-East Asian Airline	Thai Airways International
5	Best North Asian Airline	Cathay Pacific Airways
6	Best China Airline	Air China
7	Best Pacific Airline	Virgin Australia ^{NEW}
8	Best Regional Airline	Dragonair
9	Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier	AirAsia
Hotel Chains		
10	Best Global Hotel Chain	Starwood Hotels & Resorts ^{NEW}
11	Best Regional Hotel Chain	Park Hotel Group
12	Best Local Hotel Chain	Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts
13	Best Hotel Rep Company	Preferred Hotel Group™
14	Best Luxury Hotel Brand	Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts
15	Best Mid-Range Hotel Brand	Best Western International
16	Best Budget Hotel Brand	Ibis Hotels
Hotels - Individual Property		
17	Best Luxury Hotel	The Peninsula Hong Kong
18	Best Mid-Range Hotel	Ramada Singapore At Zhongshan Park ^{NEW}
19	Best Budget Hotel	Holiday Inn Express Causeway Bay Hong Kong
20	Best Independent Hotel	Royal Plaza on Scotts
21	Best Boutique Hotel	The Quincy Hotel By Far East Hospitality
22	Best City Hotel - Bangkok	Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok
23	Best City Hotel - Delhi	Taj Palace Hotel
24	Best City Hotel - Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City	Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi
25	Best City Hotel - Hong Kong	The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong
26	Best City Hotel - Jakarta	Gran Melia Jakarta
27	Best City Hotel - Kuala Lumpur	Hilton Kuala Lumpur
28	Best City Hotel - Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau
29	Best City Hotel - Manila	InterContinental Manila (IHG)
30	Best City Hotel - Seoul	Lotte Hotels & Resorts
31	Best City Hotel - Singapore	Mandarin Orchard Singapore
32	Best City Hotel - Taipei	W Taipei

33	Best City Hotel - Tokyo	Imperial Hotel Tokyo
34	Best New City Hotel	Mandarin Oriental, Taipei ^{NEW}
35	Best Airport Hotel	Regal Airport Hotel
Resorts - Individual Property		
36	Best Beach Resort	Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin ^{NEW}
37	Best Resort Hotel (Non-Beach)	Maya Ubud Resort & Spa, Bali ^{NEW}
38	Best New Beach Resort Hotel	The Mulia Bali
39	Best Integrated Resort	Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd
Serviced Residences and Spas		
40	Best Serviced Residence Operator	Frasers Hospitality
41	Best Spa Operator	Banyan Tree Spas
BT-MICE Awards		
42	Best Airline - Business Class	Thai Airways International
43	Best Business Hotel	Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok
44	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel	The Venetian Macao
45	Best BT-MICE City	Singapore
46	Best Convention & Exhibition Centre	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (Management) Ltd ^{NEW}
47	Best Convention & Exhibition Bureau	Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau
Travel Services Awards		
48	Best Airport	Incheon International Airport
49	Best GDS	Travelport
50	Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean International
51	Best NTO	Japan National Tourism Organization
52	Best Theme Attraction	Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
Travel Agency		
53	Best Travel Agency - China	China International Travel Service
54	Best Travel Agency - Chinese Taipei	Phoenix Tours International, Inc
55	Best Travel Agency - Hong Kong	Westminister Travel
56	Best Travel Agency - India	Creative Travel Pvt Ltd
57	Best Travel Agency - Indochina	Diethelm Travel Group
58	Best Travel Agency - Indonesia	Panorama DMC
59	Best Travel Agency - Japan	JTB Corporation
60	Best Travel Agency - Malaysia	Asian Overland Services Tours & Travel
61	Best Travel Agency - Singapore	Dynasty Travel International Pte Ltd ^{NEW}
62	Best Travel Agency - South Korea	Global Tour Ltd
63	Best Travel Agency - Thailand	Asian Trails
64	Best Travel Agency - The Philippines	Rajah Travel Corporation
65	Best Travel Agency - Vietnam	VIETRAVEL
66	Best Corporate Travel Agency	Carlson Wagonlit Travel

67	Best Online Travel Agency	Asiatravel.com
Outstanding Achievement Awards		
68	Destination of the Year	The Philippines ^{NEW}
69	Travel Entrepreneur of the Year	Mr. Kwek Leng Beng ^{NEW} Executive Chairman Hong Leong Group Singapore
70	Best Travel Marketing Effort	Brand USA ^{NEW}
71	Best Travel Trade Supporter	Best Western International
72	Sustainable Travel Company of the Year	Centara Hotels & Resorts ^{NEW}
Hall of Fame		
73	Hall of Fame	Singapore Airlines
74	Hall of Fame	Singapore Changi Airport
75	Hall of Fame	Hertz Asia Pacific
76	Hall of Fame	The Royal Cliff Hotels Group - The State of Exclusivity & Fascination
77	Hall of Fame	Star Cruises
78	Hall of Fame	Abacus International
79	Hall of Fame	SilkAir
80	Hall of Fame	Lotte Tour
81	Hall of Fame	Hong Kong International Airport
82	Hall of Fame	Raffles Hotel Singapore

