# 13th Edition Asian Business and Social Forum, Pride of Asia Series Awards and Business Summit & 4th Edition

Asia's Greatest Brands and Leaders 2019-20



New Delhi, Delhi Aug 21, 2023 (Issuewire.com) - 13th Edition of Asian Business & Social Investor Forum 2019-20 & 4th Edition - Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2019-20 held at The Marriott Marquis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand on 7th February 2020, was a magnificent event highlighted by the presence of Ms. Phetchompoo Kijburana, Member of Parliament, Royal Thai Government, Mr. Ravi Sehgal, President, India Thai Chamber of Commerce, His Excellency Mr. Abdelilah EL HOUSNI, Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos & Myanmar; His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Jinah, Ambassador, the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Thailand; His Excellency Mr. Ouk Sorphorn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Kingdom of Thailand, His Excellency Dr. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, Consul General of the Republic of Zimbabwe & Former Member of Parliament, Royal Thai Government; Her Excellency Ms. Elisa da Silva, Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Kingdom of Thailand, His Excellency Mr. Chanin Yensudchai, Consul General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Kingdom of Thailand, Ms. Huda Ali Shareef, Deputy Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, the Republic of Maldives and Mr. Tarek Ahmed Fouad Raslan, Deputy Chief of the Mission, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Ghassan Ahmed Almuharagi, Deputy Head of Mission, the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ms. Judith Schildberger, Deputy Head of the Mission of the Republic of Austria to the Kingdom of Thailand, Mrs. Nur Rokhmah Hidayah, Counselor (For Information and Socio -

Cultural Affairs) of Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Thailand, Ms. Nadia Sapee, Minister Counsellor of Malaysia, and Mr. Anil Sirimanna, First Secretary of the Mission, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Unable to attend, Ms. Sania Mirza, Iconic Indian tennis Player, she had sent her video congratulating and sending her best wishes to AsiaOne Magazine and URS Media.

Together, several business, economy and social issues, and Asia's contribution in world economy's stupendous growth were discussed and celebrated at the highest level, and ways to improve investment in India and Asia were considered. As the theme of the Summit reflects, it was a high-level Business & Social Summit where the emergence of Asia as a leading continental economy in the world was celebrated and relevant discussions were held, and some greatest Indian, Asian and world leaders of our time were felicitated. Once again, AsiaOne Magazine and URS Media created a unique and unmatched platform where highly intellectual and insightful thoughts were created on what's best for Asia's and the world's future.

The Summit was organized by AsiaOne Magazine and URS Media, which is rapidly emerging as the Number 1 international media company towards the cause of business, political and social issues in the entire Asia & GCC region, thus supporting not only the Indian Government's initiatives such as Skilling India, Digitizing India, and Incredible India, but also supporting United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and World Health Organization's targets.

4th Edition - Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2019-20, Bharatiya Mahanatam Vikas Puraskar, Knight of Honour Awards, Guest of Honour Awards, AsiaOne Global Asian of the Year Awards, Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders Awards 2019-20, AsiaOne 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asians 2019-20, Asia's Greatest CXOs Awards 2019-20, Asia's Greatest CSR Awards, Asia's Fastest Growing Brands & Leaders Awards, Bangladesh's Fastest Growing Brands & Leaders Awards, Thailand's Fastest Growing Brands & Leaders Awards, Young Asian Entrepreneur Awards, Young Woman Entrepreneur Awards, AsiaOne Eminent Guest Awards, BlackSwan Awards, Lifetime Achievement Awards, Rising Star Award for Corporate Excellence, AsiaOne Entrepreneur of the Year, AsiaOne Brand of the Year & Women Empowerment Awards were organized at The Marriott Marguis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr. Rajat Shukal, Global Head & Principal Partner of URS Media and AsiaOne Magazine, and Co-Founder & Partner ASIAONE Media Holdings LLC, declared with pride, "With this 13th Edition of Asian Business & Social Forum, AsiaOne would be completing around 3000 awards in the last 4 years. There is representation from around 13 countries today, at the forum, namely Morocco, Maldives, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Austria, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bahrain, Timor-Leste, Finland and Sri Lanka. The entire vision of AsiaOne Magazine is to get Asia on one platform and to disrupt the perceived superiority of the western brands over the Asian brands and this notion gave birth to Asia's Greatest Brands." Being excited and elated about the fact that AsiaOne Summit is being held in Bangkok for the first time, he stated, "Bangkok is a phenomenal city. It is my favourite city for tourism. In 2019, it was one of the most visited cities in the world - this calls for a huge round of applause for all Thai people, who welcome people from different regions and different parts of the world with open arms."

A prelude to the 13th Asian Business and Social Forum was a Networking Meet called 'India-Thailand: Today, Tomorrow, Together' which was organized by AsiaOne Magazine & URS Media on 6th February 2020 in collaboration with the India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC) at their premises at Sathon, Bangkok. This exclusive networking Meet saw the presence of eminent dignitaries such as His Excellency Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, the Former Prime Minister of Thailand and Her Excellency Mrs. Suchitra Durai, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Thailand, who shared their insights about

further enhancing the cordial ties between the two nations.

Bent on promoting Asian Brands and leaders throughout the world AsiaOne endeavoured to enhance the cordial relations between the two countries through this Meet and attempted to highlight the fact that India and Thailand share a strong historical and cultural connect. Speaking at the meet, H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva asserted, "Thailand and India should leverage their new land link to strengthen ties when the 1,360-kilometre trilateral highway is completed next year." He further stated, "We have to bring Myanmar along and use all platforms to drive this forward. Land connectivity will make a real difference not just in terms of physical transportation but also to bridge a psychological gap that exists between Thailand and India because we don't share a land border." Talking about the bilateral trade between the two countries, the Indian ambassador H.E. Mrs. Suchitra Durai said that they are doing "reasonably well" and invited "Thai companies to come and invest in India." She added, "around 2 million Indian tourists visit Thailand every year" and hoped that "more Thai people will go to India."

The Meet was followed by the 13th Edition of Asian Business & Social Forum 2019-20 & 4th Edition - Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2019-20, where some of the Asia's Greatest leaders were recognised and felicitated for their outstanding contribution to the Asian economy and society.

# **Distinguished Dignitaries**

The following distinguished dignitaries graced the Forum with their presence

- o Ms. Phetchompoo Kijburana, Member of Parliament, House of Representatives of Thailand
- o Mr. Ravi Sehgal, President, India Thai Chamber of Commerce
- o H.E. Mr. Abdelilah EL HOUSNI, Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos & Myanmar;
- o His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Jinah, Ambassador, the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Thailand;
- o His Excellency Mr. Ouk Sorphorn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Kingdom of Thailand;
- o His Excellency Dr. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, Consul General of the Republic of Zimbabwe & Former Member of Parliament, Royal Thai Government;
- o H.E. Ms. Elisa da Silva, Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Kingdom of Thailand
- o His Excellency Mr. Chanin Yensudchai, Consul General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia the Kingdom of Thailand;
- o Ms. Huda Ali Shareef, Deputy Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, the Republic of Maldives
- o Mr. Tarek Ahmed Fouad Raslan, Deputy Chief of the Mission, the Arab Republic of Egypt
- o Mr. Ghassan Ahmed Almuharagi, Deputy Head of Mission, the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain
- o Ms. Judith Schildberger, Deputy Head of the Mission of the Republic of Austria to the Kingdom of Thailand
- o Mrs. Nur Rokhmah Hidayah, Counselor (For Information and Socio Cultural Affairs) of Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Thailand
- o Ms. Nadia Sapee, Minister Counsellor of Malaysia
- o Mr. Anil Sirimanna, First Secretary of the Mission, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

AsiaOne Entrepreneur of the Year 2019-20

o Mr. Ajay Harinath Singh, Chairman, Darwin Platform Group of Companies

#### **Eminent Guest Award**

- o Ms. Huda Ali Shareef, Deputy Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, the Republic of Maldives
- o Mr. Manu Bharadwaj, Director, India Thai Chamber of Commerce
- o Ms. Meryem CHFIRI, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, The Government of Youth, The Kingdom of Morocco

### Bharatiya Mahanatam Vikas Puraskar

AsiaOne's Bharatiya Mahanatam Vikas Puraskar (BMVP) is custom-made for such extraordinary leaders who have dedicated their lives to the greatest development of India! A new India is emerging, and the credit unreservedly goes to such extraordinary leaders of vision and calibre, who have displayed inimitable vigour in the expansion of business, flourishing of industry and growth of our economy.

## **Exclusive winners of BMVP include the following:**

- o Mrs. Manju Sharma, MD & Co-Chairperson, Eternal Hospital
- o Mr. Pyare Khan, Managing Director, Ashmi Road Carriers Pvt. Ltd.
- o Mr. Lakshmi Ram Thakuria, Chairman & Managing Director, Charu Group of Industries
- o Mr. N. Sridhar, Chairman & Managing Director, The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
- o Mr. J.C. Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash Institute
- o Mr. Dilip Surana, CMD, Microlabs Ltd.

## AsiaOne Global Asian of the Year

AsiaOne Global Asian of the Year is an exclusive Intellectual Property Right (IPR) of AsiaOne Magazine. It is for those who are exclusive, exceptional and extraordinary. People who have not only worked to place their brands globally, but have also embossed Asia on the world map. These extraordinary people have a generation looking up to them, aspiring to reach the personage excellence they are at. It is entirely made of those who have really made an indelible mark for other leaders to follow and generations to admire. Only par excellence leaders & brands from across the world are worthy of being selected as AsiaOne Global Asian of the Year 2019-20, and only 12 exclusive "AsiaOne Global Asian of The Year" were felicitated at the Summit for their special work in the industry and society:

- o Mr. Raj Mallela, Managing Director, Satra Group
- o Mr. Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman & CEO, HRC Group
- o Mr. Harish Kohli, President & Managing Director, Acer India

#### Winning Leaders and Brands

As it was a Summit of 16 industries, more than 180 Brand and Leader award winners were felicitated on 7th February 2020 with a presence of over 350 audiences from all over Asia.

Asia's Greatest Brands 2019-20

- o Mr. Raj Mallela, Managing Director, Satra Group
- o Mr. Ankur Jain, Managing Director & CEO, Fozet Sark Sanitech India
- o Engr. Mahmudul Hasan, Chairman, SHURWID Industries Ltd.
- o Mr. Vivek Pathak, Managing Director, NIPS School of Hotel Management

- o Dr. H.B.M. Igbal, Group Chairman, The Premier Bank
- o Mr. Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury, Chairman & CEO, HRC Group
- o Mr. Ron Haque Sikder, Chairman, Powerpac Holdings
- o Md. Ebadul Karim, Managing Director, Beacon Pharmaceuticals
- o Mr. Golam Sarwar, Managing Director, Chemist Laboratories
- o Ms. Nisha Bhakar, Director-Principal, Navayuga World School

#### Asia's Greatest Leaders 2019-20

- o Mr. Raj Mallela, Managing Director, Satra Group
- o Mr. Ankur Jain, Managing Director & CEO, Fozet Sark Sanitech India
- o Mr. Ashish Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, Shree Balaji Group
- o Mr. Mohammad Yasin Chowdhury, Chairman, FMC Group
- o Mr. Jagadeesh Adasada, Managing Director, Adasada Realestate Services

#### India's Fastest Growing Leaders

- o Mr. Ashok Boddu, Chairman, Green Metro & Infratech Projects
- o Mr. M. Siva Ganesh Babu, Managing Director & CEO, Indo Infra Developers Pvt Ltd
- o Mr. Keyur Shah, Founder & Director, Hrishee Strategic Advisors
- o Mr. Rajendra Indraman Singh, Director, Priyadarshani Group of Schools
- o Dr. Ch. V.S.V Prasad, Chairman, Swarnaa Group of Companies
- o Mr. Premal Karalia, Managing Director, Jay storage Solutions
- o Dr. V. K. Babu, Founder & Managing Director, Babu Builders

## Women Empowerment Awards:

- o Ms. Nishita Shah, Group Managing Director, GP Group
- o Ms. Sunny Leone, Actress, The Indian Film Industry & Founder, Star Struck
- o Ms. Meryem CHFIRI, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, The Government of Youth, The Kingdom of Morocco
- o Mrs. Sukesha Kadaba, Co-Founder, Nutrezy
- o Dr. Shruti Nair, CEO, The Ananta Group of Spa
- o Dr. Rajeshwari Jarpula, Managing Director & CEO, Dr. Rajeshwari Skin Clinic
- o Ms. Sindhura Arvind, Director, Primrose School
- o Ms. Trina Bhattacharya, CEO, Saitech Solution Co. Ltd.
- o Ms. Nahathai Thewphaingarm, Group Director, Thewphaingarm Group of Schools, Founder & Director, Canadian International School of Thailand & Former Member of Parliament, Royal Thai Government
- o Ms. Cindy Sirinya Bishop, Actress, Host and Women's Rights Activist, Thailand Bangladesh Fastest Growing Brands
- o Mr. Ahmed Shayan Fazlur Rahman, Vice-Chairman, IFIC, Advisor to the Board of Directors, Beximco Group
- o Mr. Golam Mostafa, Chairman, Deshbandhu Group
- o Mr. Humayun Salim, Managing Director, Khantex Fashions Ltd.
- o Mr. Ln. Salauddin Ali, Managing Director, Asian Specialized Hospital
- o Mr. Mohammad Rassel, Founder, Evaly.com
- o Mr. Sagirul Alam, Managing Director, Matador Group

## Bangladesh Fastest Growing Leaders

- o Mr. Ahmed Shayan Fazlur Rahman, Vice Chairman, Beximco & IFIC
- o Mr. Humayun Salim, Managing Director, Khantex Fashions Ltd.
- o Mr. Ln. Salauddin Ali, Managing Director, Asian Specialized Hospital

o Mr. Mohammad Rassel, Founder, Evaly.com

o Mr. Sagirul Alam, Managing Director, Matador Group

India's Fastest Growing Leader

Mr. Sunil David, Regional Director - IOT (India and ASEAN region), AT&T India

Thailand Fastest Growing Brands

o Mr. Randeep Bhattacharya, Founder & CEO, Saitech Solution Co. Ltd.

o Mr. Kavin Nitansnajarukul, Managing Director, Otteri Wash & Dry

o Dr. Nantapat Supapannachart, Managing Director, Apex Profound Beauty

o Dr. Chatchai Sribundit, Founder & CEO, Absolute Health Regenerative Clinic

## Thailand Fastest Growing Leaders

o Mr. Kavin Nitansnajarukul, Managing Director, Otteri Wash & Dry

o Dr. Nantapat Supapannachart, Managing Director, Apex Profound Beauty

o Mr. Randeep Bhattacharya, Founder & CEO, Saitech Solution Co. Ltd.

o Dr Chatchai, Founder & CEO, Absolute Health Regenerative Clinic

AsiaOne Brand of the Year 2019-20

o Mr. Ajay Harinath Singh, Chairman, Darwin Platform Group of Companies

AsiaOne 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asians

o Mr. Shrenik Ghodawat, Managing Director, Star Air

o Mr. Saurabh Agarwal, Director, Kamdhenu Paints

o Mr. Manoj Prasad, CEO, Redant Media

o Ms. Sunny Leone, Actress, The Indian Film Industry & Founder, Star Struck

Rising Star Award for Corporate Excellence

o Ms. Yeasha Sobhan, Director, Bashundhara Group

Black Swan Award for Best International Placements 2019-20

o Mr. Samrat Dutta

Asia's Greatest CSR Brand

o Dr. Hema Divakar, Chairperson, ARTIST, (India)

Asia's Greatest CSR Leader

o Dr. Hema Divakar, Chairperson, ARTIST, (India)

Asia's Greatest CXOs

o Mr. Pattanapong Suwannachat, Chief Financial Officer, Airports of Thailand PCL.

o Mr. Prateep Tangmatitham, Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Supalai Public Company Limited

o Mr. Kean Hin Lim, Senior Executive Vice President and Group Chief Financial Officer, Thai Life Insurance

o Mr. Phongthon Tharachai, Chief Executive Officer, Project Planning Service Public Company Limited Asia's Greatest CSR 2019-20

o Ms. Rosalie Tieges, Directing Founder, Thai Child Development Foundation

#### Elements of the Summit

The Summit started with a red carpet welcome to over 400 businessmen, diplomats, government dignitaries, social leaders and entrepreneurs on 7th February 2020 with over 180 awards presented at The Marriott Marquis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Panel Discussion 1 moderated by Dr. Hema Divakar, Chairperson - ARTIST, AsiaOne Magazine brought to the fore several innovative and progressive ideas on the topic "Sustainable development is the need of the hour: Are we geared up for Sustainable Development in 2020?" The panelists included Mr. Deipakk Bawa, Founder, Sagar Asociats; Mrs. Manju Sharma, MD & Co- Chairperson, Eternal

Hospital; His Excellency Mr. Ouk Sorphorn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Kingdom of Cambodia to the Kingdom of Thailand; Ms. Meryem CHFIRI, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, The Government of Youth, The Kingdom of Morocco and His Excellency Professor Dr. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Zimbabwe & Former Member of Parliament, Royal Thai Government.

Panel Discussion 2 moderated by Ms. Paola Martani, International Columnist and Correspondent - AsiaOne Magazine, brought to the fore several innovative and progressive ideas on the topic "Changing scenarios in 2020: How significant is the role of CSR in shaping Asia?" The panelists included Ms. Komal Mahesh Kadaba, Co-Founder, Nutrezy; Mr. Manoj Prasad, Redant Media LLC; Dr. G.V Divakar, MD, Divakar's Speciality Hospital; Mr. Farid Khan, Director & CEO, Koemmerling (Profine India Window Technology Pvt. Ltd.) and Mr. Raj Mallela, Chairman & MD, Satra Group India. Keynote addresses were made by the following:

Mr. J. C. Chaudhry, Chairman - Akash Educational Services

Mr. Chetan Handa, Founder Director - Glaze Trading India Pvt. Ltd

#### **Brief Itinerary**

o Date: 7th February, 2020

o Venue: The Marriott Marquis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

o Registrations: 5:00 to 5:30 PM

o Welcome Speech & Intro to Awards & Summit: 5:30 to 5:45 PM

o Awards Felicitation (First Set) Knight/Guest of Honour Awards/ Global Asian of the Year: 5:45 to 6:25 PM

o Panel Discussion One: 6:25 to 6:55 PM

o Awards Felicitation (Second Set): 6:55 to 7:20 PM

o Panel Discussion Two: 7:20 to 7:50 PM

o Awards Felicitation (Third Set): 7:50 to 8:20 PM

o Unveiling of Magazine & Coffee Table Book: 8:20 to 8:35 PM

o Keynote Speeches: 8:35 to 8:45 PM

o Awards Felicitation (Fourth Set): 8:45 to 9:00 PM

o Networking Dinner: 9:00 PM Onwards

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