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Mr. Pieter Winsemius visiting Singapore to honor his father's legacy and to celebrate the long-lasting bond between Singapore and the Netherlands.

May 12, 2022 (Singapore) - We are honored and pleased to announce that Dr. Albert Winsemius' son, Prof. Dr. Pieter Winsemius is our Dutch Guest of Honor at the 2022 Winsemius Awards. A memorable guest for the entire Singaporean and Dutch business community, as Mr Pieter Winsemius' visit will **symbolize and strengthen the long-lasting bond and strong business ties between Singapore and the Netherlands.**

Prof. Dr. Pieter Winsemius is flying in from the Netherlands with his family to join us for the Winsemius Awards and will also be present at the NTU Winsemius Book launch on the 23rd of May.

The ADB-DutchCham (Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore) Winsemius Awards are named after his father Dutch economist Dr. Albert Winsemius, who played a major role in shaping Singapore's national economic development strategy. He was best known for serving as an economic adviser 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.

As an architect of Singapore's economic policies in the early days, Dr. Albert Winsemius and late 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.

He is largely credited by Lee Kuan Yew for laying the foundations for Singapore's economic progress and prosperity. In a letter to his family, 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."*

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 & impactful achievements, and is 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 Honors for the Winsemius Awards 2022:
Video message from Mr. S. Iswaran, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations
Prof. Dr. Pieter Winsemius
H. E. Mrs. Margriet Vonno, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei

The 6th edition of the ADB-DutchCham Winsemius Awards will be held on Thursday May 19th at the Ritz-Carlton Millenia in Singapore and will bring together 175 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:

- Boskalis International bv
- Vopak Terminals Singapore Pte Ltd
- Delta Marine Consultants Singapore Pte Ltd

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

Winsemius Outstanding business Achievement Award.

Celebrates the success of an organization and honors 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:

- WEnergy Global Pte Ltd
- BlueMeg Technologies Pte Ltd
- Cargobase Pte Ltd.

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

Winsemius community Impact Award.

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

Nominees are:

- AquaDucks
- Witteveen+Bos South East Asia Pte Ltd
- Arcadis Singapore Pte Ltd.

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

About ADB-DutchCham: [ADB-DutchCham](#) the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, a recognized organisation that connects the Dutch Business Community in Singapore. 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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