

PRESS RELEASE

WIM TAN SRI DATO NAPSIAH OMAR WOMEN LEADERS AWARD

The search is on to recognize and honour Women Leadership in our country through the WIM Tan Sri Dato Napsiah Omar (TSDNO) Women Leaders Award. This Award is one of the several initiatives to be undertaken by the Tan Sri Dato Napsiah Omar Chair for Women's Leadership, setup by WIM and aptly named after the founder, with the mission to upskill and uplift the status of women through dialogue, collaborative efforts, research, forums, conferences, training and educational programmes with the theme, "Empower Women to Lead".

WIM as an organization that has worked towards empowering women on many platforms, has initiated this Award under the TSDNO Chair for Women's Leadership to appreciate women who have deservedly achieved recognition in a position of leadership in her field of work and expertise, and have broken the glass ceiling. They in turn would have mentored and empowered other women, been involved in community work and helping the less fortunate. These women leaders would also have demonstrated transformative qualities like clarity of vision, innovativeness and strategic planning and clearly have broken the stereotypes of women, eg. working in unusual fields and possibly recognized regionally and internationally as well.

The Chairperson of the TSDNO Chair for Women's Leadership, Puan Sri Siew Yong Gnanalingam said, "What sets this award apart is the focus on the award winner's achieved recognition as an inspirational and exemplary woman leader in her field. We hope that these Women Leaders would in turn inspire other women in every field to reach for the sky and be exemplary women leaders. We look forward to receiving many nominations of the many deserving women leaders in our country who have demonstrated strong values and contributed to the betterment of others in entrepreneurship, management, business or social work."

Members of the public are invited to submit nominees for the different categories of the Award namely:

- * Entrepreneurship/Business
- * Education
- * Corporate Management
- * Social & Community Service
- * Public Service

* Technology

There will be a panel of 6 eminent judges to select a winner from each of the 6 categories and the Overall Outstanding Woman Leader.

We are deeply honoured Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Permaisuri Perak Darul Ridzuan, Tuanku Zara Salim, D.K., D.K.S.A., D.K.A. has graciously accepted our invitation to be the Royal Guest of Honour to present the Awards to the Overall Outstanding Women Leader and the winners of the 6 categories at the Award Ceremony at a grand dinner to be held on 16th May 2022 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Nomination forms are available from Women's Institute of Management, Wisma WIM, 1st Floor (Admin Office), 7 Jalan Abang Haji Openg, Taman Tun Dr. Ismail or it can be printed from our website www.wimnet.org.my. A sample of the form is attached.

The closing date for nomination is 20th April 2022.

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Puan Sri Siew Yong Gnanalingam

Chairperson, WIM Tan Sri Dato Napsiah Omar Chair for Women's Leadership/
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Brief facts on the Women's Institute of Management (WIM)

The Women's Institute of Management (264164-k), which was incorporated on 14.5.1993, is a Non Profit NGO with tax exempt status. WIM does not receive any annual government grant. All members of the WIM Boards and Advisory Panel, and Committees are volunteers. WIM owns a 6-storey Building Complex, Wisma WIM which is free of encumbrances. WIM has been awarded "Best Businesswomen's Networking Organisation" in the South East Asia Business Award for 2020 and 2021 hosted by APAC Insider, UK.

1) WIM Millennials Summit: 16-17 May 2023

The WIM Millennials Committee is organising a 2-day Summit. The Keynote Address will focus on the National Economic Policy (NEP). A Cabinet Minister has been invited as Guest-of-Honour and various corporate leaders, educationists and think tank leaders have been invited to speak. Any resolutions from this Summit will be presented to the Government.

2} Tan Sri Dato Napsiah Omar Chair for Women's Leadership (TSDNO)

WIM has set up the Tan Sri Dato Napsiah Omar Chair for Women's Leadership on 25 August 2020, with the mission to upskill and uplift the status of women through dialogue, collaborative efforts, research, forums, conferences, training and educational programmes with the theme "Empower Women to Lead".

Besides the TSDNO Women Leaders Award, the following initiatives are being undertaken under the TSDNO Chair for Women's Leadership:

a) WIM's Book on Women's Leadership

WIM will be releasing a 420-page Book entitled, "Steel Gardenias: Women's Leadership – The Malaysian and Global Perspective" in April 2022. Sales proceeds will be in aid of WIM, which incurred a deficit, due to Covid-19 lockdowns. A Singapore publisher has expressed an interest to market this Book overseas, namely, New York, London, Beijing, Frankfurt and Mexico.

b) Women's Leadership Programme

WIM has designed and copyrighted this Programme, which has obtained the approval of HRD Corp of the Ministry of Human Resources. This Programme's participants will be evaluated by their presentations and a 2,000-word assignment, marked by a woman Ph.D academician and a well-known woman corporate leader, resulting in the participants earning a Distinction, Merit or Pass. Employers are encouraged to send their women employees to this Programme, as a gesture of reward for their good and loyal services to the company, while the employers will be able to claim reimbursement for the course fee, if they contribute to HRD Corp. The British High Commission's Senior Trade Manager (Education) has offered to start a link-up conversation on delivering Women's Leadership Courses with Churchill College of the University of Cambridge, and WIM has agreed to this. Also, the British Council Director, Ms. Jazreel has indicated she would like to visit WIM.

c) Visit from Delegation of JHEW Sabah

WIM has received a letter from the Pengarah, Jabatan Hal Ehwal Wanita Sabah on 28.1.2022 informing that they have formed an Academy of Women's Leadership, Sabah and a delegation of 10 persons wishes to pay a courtesy call on WIM at Kuala Lumpur.