



Ethnic Business Awards 2005 Winners Announced, Sydney Australia

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The 2005 Ethnic Business Award Winners were officially announced at an exclusive gathering in Sydney, Australia. The Awards were created 17 years ago by Mr Joseph Assaf, to recognise the contribution of migrants to Australian Business. They have since become one of the longest running awards in Australia, which is a testament to their success and prestige. This year's winners were migrants from Portugal, Zimbabwe and Turkey, who all now proudly call Australia home.

PR9.NET November 03, 2005 - The winners of the 2005 Ethnic Business Awards were announced during a gala dinner held at Le Montage, Sydney. This year, the following businesses were awarded:

Large Business Award: Wideform Group of Companies – received by Mr Fred Ferreira, Managing Director, from Portugal.

Small Business Award: Green Sprouts – received by Zimbabwean born owners Roger Green, Alasdair Irvine and Barry O'Dwyer.

Special Initiative Award: Nu – Door Pty Ltd – received by Turkish born Mehmet Karamemis, Director.

The Ethnic Business Awards are a celebration of humanity as a whole, rather than the differences of its citizens.

An eclectic mix of prestigious guests attended, each one a leader in their own right. The Hon. John Cobb, Minister of Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, represented the Prime Minister of Australia and joined corporate sponsors, Consul Generals, community officials and media owners, to celebrate multicultural Australia.

Green Sprouts owners, Roger Green, Alasdair Irvine and Barry O'Dwyer, proudly accepted the Small Business Award, presented by Mr David Moffatt, Group Managing Director Consumer & Marketing of Telstra.

Mr Ahmed Fahour, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, National Australia Bank presented the Large Business Award to Mr Ferreira, Wideform Group of Companies.

This year's Initiative Award was presented to Turkish born Mehmet Karamemis, Director of Nu– Door Pty Ltd, by Gulf Air's General Manager, Australia and South Pacific, Mr Cramer Ball. The Initiative Award recognises outstanding determination, growth and potential.

The distinguished panel of judges included Carla Zampatti, King Fong OAM, Arthur Sanderson and Eve Crestani. Integral to the success of the Awards is the ongoing support shown by the sponsors. Telstra, Gulf Air and The Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources again joined long time sponsor, the National Australia Bank. Centrelink and ABC Tissues, (winner of the 2004 Ethnic Business Awards in the Large Business category) also joined as sponsors this year.

The following media outlets show enormous support for the Ethnic Business Awards, and continue to contribute to their success: SBS, ABC Asia Pacific, TVB Jadeworld, Sing Tao, Chieu Duong, O Kosmos, EI Telegraph and Weekly Korean Top.

The Awards will be broadcast in Australia by SBS Television on Sunday, 6 November at 10:30am (aired twice) and on ABC Asia Pacific, 4th December, to an estimated audience of 10 million homes across 41 countries (aired twice).

The ABC broadcast times (local times) are as follows:

Mumbai, Delhi – 15:30

Bangkok – 14:00

Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore – 16:00

Kuala Lumpur – 15:00

Fiji – 20:00

Seoul/Tokyo – 17:00

Finalists in the Small Business Category were:

Australian Chemical Research Pty Ltd

Green Sprouts (winner)

Miracle Bookbinding

T.K Pacific Marketing

Finalists in the Medium – Large Business Category were:

Nu – Door Pty Ltd (winner)

Southerncross Rigging and Constructions Pty Ltd

Stambo's Group of Companies

Wideform Group of Companies (winner)

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