**Annex B**

**Top Four Award Recipients Citations**

**Breakthrough Contribution to Tourism**

Gardens by the Bay

Since its opening on 29 June 2012, Gardens by the Bay has significantly impacted Singapore’s tourism scene. Positioned as a horticulture themed leisure destination, it is a distinctive showcase of garden artistry, technological innovation and environmental sustainability – a green oasis for recreation right in the heart of Singapore’s downtown. Within its first year of opening, the Gardens has attracted attention both locally and globally with more than five million visitors. More significantly, this urban garden has also cemented Singapore’s status as a City in a Garden.

**Lifetime Achievement for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism**

Mr Robert Khoo

The retired NATAS Group CEO, Mr Robert Khoo, has been instrumental in growing the organisation since his days as a volunteer in the 1980s. Under his stewardship, NATAS has launched one of the most important consumer travel trade fairs in Singapore, worked on initiatives such as the Industry Capability Upgrading Program (ICAP), members' capability upgrading program, Customer-Centric Initiative (CCI), with STB’s support, and the Workforce Skills Qualifications framework for the tour and travel sector. His contributions to Singapore’s tourism industry see the overall raising of professionalism in travel agents as well as boosting Singapore’s travel trade standing on a global stage.

**Tourism Entrepreneur of the Year**

Mr Olivier Bendel

After moving to Singapore in 2010, Mr Bendel started Deliciae Hospitality Management with the opening of L’Entrecôte at Duxton Hill. Following a few other fresh additions to Singapore’s dining scene, Mr Bendel considers his collaboration with 3-Michelin Star Chef Bruno Ménard, which saw the birth of &Made and La Cantine, as his *piece de resistance*. His keen eye for trends is clear, through his approach to food and design. From leveraging new sites such as Sentosa Cove, and heritage precincts such as Duxton, these dining concepts are reflective of the diverse offerings and influences in our vibrant city.

**Business Event Ambassador**

Dr Perry Shum

As a founding member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Photonics Society, Dr Perry Shum has been a strong advocate for Singapore’s MICE industry. Aside from creating the Photonics Global 2010 conference, and the recurring three editions (2012, 2014 and 2016), he also played a significant role in securing the 2017 CLEO and OECC combined conference. Additionally, to add synergies to this event, he will also approach the Asia Communications and Photonics Conference (ACP) in Beijing in November to bid for them to co-locate the meeting around CLEO and OECC in 2017.