



Emerging Companies Make Their Mark at the 2009 Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific ICT Awards

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SINGAPORE, June 4, 2009 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Frost & Sullivan hosted the 2009 Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific ICT Awards in Singapore, today. The sixth annual edition of the banquet was a glamorous affair attended by the who's who of the Asia Pacific ICT industry. In the past, Japanese, Korean, South Asian as well as Greater China players have dominated the coveted titles. This year, they were joined by notable rising stars that have ousted competition and claimed prestigious titles at the banquet.

(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20081117/FSLOGO>) The first-timers include Vietnam's incumbent telecom operator Viettel as the 2009 emerging market service provider of the year; Thailand's Total Access Communications, for the most innovative application 'ATMSIM' that enables customers to use ATM services via their mobile phones. Hong Kong based Tandberg Television was honoured as the consumer video vendor of the year for its exemplary growth across the region despite the growing competition and economic slowdown while Sun Cellular from the Philippines clinched the most promising service provider of the year.

The Awards seek to recognize companies and individuals that have pushed the boundaries of excellence - rising above the competition and demonstrating outstanding performance in the ICT industry across the region for base year 2008.

Nitin Bhat, senior vice president of ICT practice, Asia Pacific, Frost & Sullivan, says "Factors ranging from market saturation, increased customer acquisition costs, fluctuating exchange rates and commoditisation of offerings were the characteristics of the market for ICT companies in 2008. Delivery of value rather than a plain product and service offering was the ultimate goal for the award recipients in the past year. This value creation was driven by a combination of product and service innovation, business model flexibility and unwavering focus on the customer." A total of 33 coveted titles were conferred to 27 companies in the ICT industry, representing the entire spectrum of enterprise solution vendors, telecom equipment vendors and service providers in Asia Pacific. The award recipients were selected from a short list of 85 key ICT players, telecommunications companies and regulatory bodies operating across Asia Pacific.

Selection process included a rigorous procedure whereby a team of 30 leading Frost & Sullivan analysts short-listed, researched and evaluated the contenders in each category, applying the same thorough approach that has been the hallmark of Frost & Sullivan globally.

The findings of the detailed evaluation were then presented to an independent panel of judges comprising influential personalities, decision makers and thought leaders in the Asia Pacific ICT industry. By the selection that they have made they have themselves pushed the boundaries of innovation and corporate excellence.

All contenders were evaluated based on a variety of actual market performance indicators which include revenue growth, market share and growth in market share, leadership in product innovation, breadth of products and solutions, major customer acquisitions, and business and market strategy, amongst other category-specific criteria.

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