

# ASEAN**Next** Forum 2026

*The Platform for ASEAN's Next Generation of Business Leaders*

Following the inaugural edition in 2025 that brought together close to 300 delegates from throughout Asia, ASEANNext is back as the region's high-energy platform for next-gen leaders to meet, match, and move on opportunities.

Powered by Singapore Business Federation's Young Business Leaders Network, ASEANNext connects the next wave of business leadership to build cross-border networks and forge partnerships across ASEAN and beyond.



## WHAT YOU GAIN

**CREDIBLE  
REGIONAL  
NETWORKS  
THAT MATTER**

**ACTIONABLE  
INSIGHTS FOR  
FUTURE-READY  
GROWTH**

**MEANINGFUL  
CONVERSATIONS  
TO REAL  
COLLABORATIONS**

**29 - 30 JULY 2026**

Resorts World Convention Centre, Singapore

## Message from Theodore Khng, Chairperson, ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Council (Singapore)

It is my pleasure to warmly invite you to join us in Singapore for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of ASEANext!

On behalf of the Singapore Business Federation and the Young Business Leaders Network, we are delighted to bring together an exceptional community of next-generation business leaders from across ASEAN and beyond for candid conversations, shared ambition, and meaningful connections at a time when the region faces profound shifts and opportunities.

As ASEAN navigates an increasingly complex global landscape, the role of next-generation leaders like yourselves has never been more critical. The discussions we will have on innovation, resilience, and cross-border collaboration go beyond understanding change. They are about stepping forward to shape it together.

ASEANext is designed to be both purposeful and personal: a platform for open exchange, trusted relationships, and new cross-border partnerships. Just as importantly, it is a community of peers committed to driving ASEAN's next chapter.

Building on a highly successful inaugural edition last year, it would be a privilege to have you join us again in the little red dot. Your participation will play an important role in shaping the dialogue and strengthening this growing network.

We look forward to hosting you and to the conversations, connections, and partnerships that will emerge from this gathering!

**DAY 1**

# WELCOME NETWORKING COCKTAIL

29 JULY 2026 | 6.30 – 9.30PM  
PAN PACIFIC SINGAPORE, 7 RAFFLES BLVD,  
SINGAPORE 039595

Kick off ASEANext with an evening of welcome drinks and conversation, setting the tone for meaningful connections ahead. Engage with business leaders and entrepreneurs from across the region in a relaxed, social setting designed to spark new relationships and ideas. It's an evening to connect, unwind, and ease into the ASEANext experience - good company, great conversations, and the start of collaborations to come.



# DAY 2

# ASEANEXT FORUM

30 JULY 2026 | 10.00AM – 6.30PM

RESORTS WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE

Guest of Honour: Minister for Law and  
Second Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Edwin Tong

Held in conjunction with ASEAN Conference and Asian Business Summit, ASEANext 2026 will feature a full-day, high-energy programme combining TEDx-style talks, keynote fireside chats with business leaders, curated business matching, and networking sessions. Together, these formats are designed to move participants beyond inspiration - sparking meaningful conversations, surfacing fresh perspectives and actionable insights, and translating ideas into cross-border opportunities through partnerships and real-world case studies.



Time	Activity
9:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast Networking
10:00 AM	Welcome Remarks by Singapore Business Federation   Young Business Leaders Network Jeshier Loi, Chairperson, YBLN
10:05 AM	<b>Keynote Leader's Perspectives: Decision, Disruption and Direction</b>  In an era defined by economic volatility, rapid technological disruption and geopolitical uncertainty, leaders are forced to make high-stakes decisions without the luxury of perfect information. This keynote delivers a candid, practitioner's view of how decisive leadership shows up in moments of disruption and how direction is set when the ground is shifting. Drawing from real-world experience, this keynote distils hard-won insights on risk, trade-offs, resilience and long-term thinking, revealing how leaders stay anchored in purpose while adapting strategy, navigating uncertainty, and charting a clear path forward.  <b>Speaker: Richard Eu, Executive Chairman, Eu Yan Sang International</b>

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10:20 AM	<p><b>Wealth, Values and Generational Transition</b></p> <p>As Asia enters its biggest wave of wealth transfer, succession has become the defining test. Not just of wealth, but of legacy and continuity. This conversation brings together a father-son duo and a next-generation leader to unpack what it really takes to make transitions work as they balance control with reinvention, and legacy with new ambition.</p> <p>Through candid perspectives, the session will tackle the hard questions many families avoid: Who is truly ready to lead? What happens when the next generation wants something different? And how do families transfer not just wealth, but values and purpose? At its core, this is a conversation about navigating change - honestly, intentionally, and across generations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Richard Eu</b>, Executive Chairman, Eu Yan Sang International</li> <li>• <b>Richie Eu</b>, Managing Director, Mergers and Acquisitions, Eu Yan Sang International</li> <li>• <b>Jay Singgih</b>, Chairman &amp; CEO, The Bumi Laut Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Dr Yupana Wiwattanakantang, Associate Professor, NUS Business School</b></p>
11:20 AM	<p><b>ASEANext Spotlight: Changemakers Shaping ASEAN's Future</b></p> <p>ASEANext Spotlight is a high-energy platform that celebrates innovation and entrepreneurship across ASEAN. It gives aspiring trailblazers, emerging disruptors, and established changemakers the stage to share bold ideas and transformative projects through powerful presentations.</p> <p>Through the TEDx format, ASEANext Spotlight aims to share ideas about innovation, technology, and leadership mindsets, spark cross-border collaborations, and create momentum for sustainable growth and resilience across ASEAN and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joel Leong</b>, Co-Founder, ShopBack</li> <li>• <b>Samuel Rhee</b>, Co-founder, Chairman &amp; Group CIO, Endowus</li> <li>• <b>Charmaine Co</b>, President, Philippine Young Entrepreneurs Association</li> </ul>
12:15 PM	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

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2:15 PM	<p><b>Leader's Lens: Leading Through Uncertainty</b></p> <p>As the global environment grows more volatile, leadership is entering a new phase. Not just of strategy, but of judgement under pressure where leaders need to act with incomplete information and make decisions that cannot be deferred. This conversation looks at what it truly takes to lead in such a landscape — navigating shifting dynamics, making difficult trade-offs, and adapting in real time without losing clarity of purpose. Through candid perspectives, the session will tackle the questions many leaders grapple with but rarely confront: When there are no clear answers, how do you decide? What must be protected and what must be let go? And how do you lead people through uncertainty while maintaining trust, when outcomes are far from assured?</p> <p><b>Speaker: Ho Kwon Ping, Founder and Executive Chairman, Banyan Group</b></p>
3:00 PM	<p><b>The Venture Capitalist Perspective: Investing in Uncertain Times</b></p> <p>The venture capital panel discussion brings together leading investors and innovators to explore how Southeast Asia's dynamic startup ecosystem is reshaping global markets, offering a candid, regional, and future oriented view of how ideas are funded, scaled, and sustained, bridging ambition with real world execution.</p> <p>The discussion will highlight emerging investment trends, the rise of sustainable and impact-driven ventures, and strategies for scaling across diverse ASEAN economies. Delegates will come away with practical insights into fundraising, investor relations, and navigating regulatory landscapes, inspiring the next generation of founders to build ventures that are both profitable and transformative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kwon Hyuk Tae</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Pine Capital Management</li> <li>• <b>Marie Cheong</b>, Founding Partner, Wavemaker Impact</li> <li>• <b>Theodora Lai</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Partner, Moringa Ventures, and Principal, Tembusu Partners</li> <li>• <b>Willson Cuaca</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Managing Partner, East Ventures</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Raena Lim, Managing Partner, AUD'NCO</b></p>
4:00 PM	<p><b>Networking Break</b></p>

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4:20 PM	<p><b>Business Alpha: Lifespan - Living Longer, Leading Longer</b></p> <p>Longevity is no longer a future concept. It is a \$610 billion market reshaping healthcare, real estate, and labour. As Southeast Asia enters a "Super-Aged" era – the business of living is pivoting from "Sick Care" to Biological Age Reversal. Singapore has also emerged as a hub for longevity ventures in Southeast Asia supported by a national strategy aimed at “successful ageing” and targeted investments in longevity innovations which have fostered emerging startups in this area.</p> <p>This session dives into why longevity is "all the rage" among young business leaders with Southeast Asia emerging as a bright spark for health tech ventures. Discover how to position your business at the frontier of this revolution and to take on a bold bet on the future of health!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proud Patanavanich</b>, Assistant CEO, MedPark Hospital &amp; Mahachai Hospital Group</li> <li>• <b>Ravinder Sajwan</b>, CEO &amp; Executive Director, Ultragreen.ai</li> <li>• <b>Dr Zhou Lihan</b>, Executive Director, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, Mirxes</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Chin Wei Jia, Group CEO, HMI Medical</b></p>
5:10 PM	<p><b>Closing Dialogue Session with Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs Mr Edwin Tong on “Geopolitical Winds of Change and the Future of ASEAN”</b></p> <p>The global order is at a tipping point. As 2026 unfolds, the US is deliberately unwinding the rules-based system—shifting from efficiency to security, protectionism, and a new “Donroe Doctrine”. This dialogue goes beyond the “Tariff Man” headlines to examine the rise of American-style state capitalism and the weaponisation of resources. As major powers fracture the foundations of global commerce, what must ASEAN’s next generation of business leaders do to build regional resilience and navigate an increasingly volatile world?</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dione Song, YBLN Executive Committee Member, CEO, Love, Bonito</b></p>
5:45 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Theodore Khng, ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Council (Singapore) Chairperson</b></p>
5:50 PM	<p><b>Rapid Connections</b> High energy facilitated networking experience designed to spark meaningful business conversations in a short amount of time.</p>
6:20 PM	<p><b>Gift Exchange Ceremony</b></p>
6:30 PM	<p><b>End of ASEANext</b></p>

## PREFERRED HOTELS



### PARKROYAL (BEACH ROAD)

- <https://beach-road-singapore-parkroyal.hotelpanpacific.com/en>
- About 15-min drive to the conference venue (Coordinated group transport will be arranged)
- Amenities include gym, working space and bar
- Superior Single / Double Occupancy (Room & Breakfast) @ S\$250 (inclusive of GST and service charge) per night
- To book, contact [ybln@sbf.org.sg](mailto:ybln@sbf.org.sg)

### HOTEL MICHAEL (SENTOSA)

- <https://www.rwsentosa.com/en/stay/hotel-michael>
- About 3-min walk to the conference venue
- Amenities include gym, grab-and-go, outdoor swimming pool, pool bar
- Deluxe Twin or King (Room Only) @ S\$300 (inclusive of GST and service charge) per night
- To book, contact [ybln@sbf.org.sg](mailto:ybln@sbf.org.sg)



### HOTEL ORA (SENTOSA)

- <https://www.rwsentosa.com/en/stay/hotel-ora>
- About 3-min walk to the conference venue
- Amenities include gym, co-working space, grab-and-go, pool bar
- Deluxe Twin or King (Room Only) @ S\$336 (inclusive of GST and service charge) per night
- To book, contact [ybln@sbf.org.sg](mailto:ybln@sbf.org.sg)

### PARKROYAL COLLECTION (MARINA)

- <https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pr-collection-marina-bay.html>
- About 10-min drive to the conference venue (Coordinated group transport will be arranged)
- Amenities include gym, skyline bar, pool, grab-and-go
- Urban Deluxe (Room & Breakfast) @ S\$408 (inclusive of GST and service charge) per night
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### PAN PACIFIC SINGAPORE

- <https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pp-marina.html>
- About 10-min drive to the conference venue (Coordinated group transport will be arranged)
- Amenities include gym, co-working space, grab-and-go, pool bar
- Deluxe Single or Twin (Room & Breakfast) @ S\$420 or S\$468 (inclusive of GST and service charge) per night
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