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**MIT Technology Review’s regional ‘Innovators Under 35’ returns**

*MIT Technology Review calls for nominations from Asian innovators for the regional 2016 Innovators Under 35 (TR35) list.*

2 June 2016, SINGAPORE - Since 1999, MIT Technology Review has honored the young innovators whose inventions and research we find most exciting. The regional list recognizes technologists and scientists, all under the age of 35 whose work spans biomedicine, computing, communications, energy, materials, internet, transportation, and is changing our world. In all, 20 regional Innovators in Asia have been named in 2014 and 2015.

The 10 selected innovators for 2016 will present a three-minute elevator pitch at EmTech Asia 2016 and will automatically become finalists for the global 35 Innovators Under 35 (TR35) list.

For Peh Ruey Feng, who made it to the 2015 list, being recognized was special because it raised awareness of their innovation to a broader community. The publicity received drove an unexpected level of interest from investors who wanted to seed fund their spin-off company, which has given them the opportunity to progress with a clinical study of their invention later this year.

Peh says, “Receiving recognition from MIT Technology Review is inspiring, as it’s important for those of us who are developing new tech in the trenches of Asia to know that innovations coming out of Asia do get noticed. It also gives investors renewed confidence in the innovation that is taking place in this part of the world, which, in reality is a vibrant scene of innovation. I encourage those who know of people doing good work in this neck of the woods to nominate them because we need to hear more Asian success stories to inspire us to better innovate."



Another finalist, Zhou Lihan received a grant for his work at MiRXES post receiving the recognition. “MiRXES has developed technologies for the detection of a novel class of gene biomarkers called the microRNAs and is applying the technology to develop blood based cancer diagnostic kits to address unmet needs in non-invasive early cancer detection. Being listed this year as an Innovator Under 35 on the regional list has brought us great visibility regionally and globally. We are now pursuing Series A funding.”

Nominations for the 2016 list are now open for submissions at www.[emtechasia.com](http://www.emtechasia.com/index.php/innovators-under-35). Nominees must be under the age of 35 as of 1 October 2016. They must be citizens of (or work in) one of the following countries: Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei, Australia and New Zealand. Submit your nominations now!

Timeline for Submissions and Judging

27 April TR35 Asia nominations open

18 September Closing of nominations

October Judging and selection process

November Announcement of 10 honourees via website and press release

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Notes to editors:

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