

## **Manulife Malaysia Rises Above the Challenge at the HR Excellence Award 2016**

**Kuala Lumpur** – Synonymous to the story of David over Goliath, today Manulife Malaysia stood at the forefront of excellence after trumping some of the major industry players at the HR Excellence Award, 2016. We marked yet another milestone, as we took home 4 out of 6 awards that were nominated. The awards include the gold award for HR Professional of the Year and Excellence in Employee Engagement, Silver for Excellence in Social Media and Bronze for Excellence in Innovative Use of HR Tech.

The HR Excellence Awards 2016, organized by the Human Resource Magazine, aim at recognizing and rewarding industry leaders who have contributed vastly in the HR profession. The award ceremony celebrates notable individuals, teams and companies for their outstanding achievements in people management and strategies. Apart from supporting their exemplary work, it also serves as a platform to further encourage greater achievements in the years to come.

On the achievements of Manulife, Mark O'Dell, Chief Executive Officer remarked, "Human Resources are fundamental in any organization and is central to the development of a systematic corporate structure. A great HR team contributes vastly to the growth and wellbeing of employees and undoubtedly, the organization as a whole. The awards bagged by Manulife are certainly a reflection of successful and foresighted team of HR personnel."

Karen Yap, Chief HR Officer, who won the HR Professional of the Year Award added, "this collection of awards is such an excellent reflection of the terrific collaboration between the business leaders and the HR Team in Manulife Malaysia. Such recognition comes only after a lot of work and partnership done, and it is a great honour for all of us to be a part of this great organization, and to receive these awards!"

The other finalists for the HR Professional of the Year Award were Arvato System Malaysia and Merck, Sharp & Dohme. For the Excellence in Social Media Award, the finalists were Forefront International, Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad, HIS Markit Malaysia, SAP and Maybank. As for the Excellence in Innovative Use of HR Tech Award, the finalists were British American Tobacco, IHS Markit Malaysia and Sime Darby Holdings Berhad. Lastly, for the Excellence in Employee Engagement Award, the finalists were Arvato System Malaysia, British American Tobacco, DHL, Hilton Kuala Lumpur, INTI International University and College, Legoland Malaysia and SME Bank.

The event was held at the Aloft Kuala Lumpur on 4th October 2016. Some of the other finalists for the various categories were remarkably known business leaders such as Unilever, CIMB Bank, Coco-la Bottlers Malaysia, Tesco, Hilton and Pantai Holdings, to name a few; apart from our own competitors such as AXA Insurance, AIA and Prudential.

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