



Guest-of-Honour, YB Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim (centre), flanked by Datin Azliza Ahmad Tajuddin, CEO of Blu Inc Media (left) and Elaine Kwong, Editor of *The Weekly*.



The Sapphire Ballroom at Mandarin Oriental KL.

Every year, *The Malaysian Women's Weekly* Great Women Of Our Time Awards proves that despite the many demanding roles women have to play at work and at home, they can still make an impact in their field of work, and in their community. Guest-of-Honour, Yang Berhormat, Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, said it most succinctly in her keynote speech: "Your works clearly show that you have a far-reaching influence on society and the economy. Your achievements



This exquisite Ameer Phillips sapphire pendant necklace set was on display at the cocktail area.



The Great Women Of Our Time 2013 (from left): Lim Wei-Ling, Dr Christina Ng, Sharifah Raudhah AlQudsy, Lee Jia Ping, Gina Yong, Melinda Looi, Dr Geshina Ayu Mat Saat, Kathlyn Toh, Fu Ching Yee, Juhaidah Joemin, Teh Chai Peng, and Dr Premala

In The COMPANY Of Great Women

It was a night of glamour, fine company and new friendships at *The Weekly's* Great Women Of Our Time Awards 2013 gala dinner



The beautiful ambience set for the mood for the glitzy gala.



The sleek and stylish Volvo V40 on display in the ballroom.



Each category winner received a crystal trophy with her name inscribed.



Life-size light panels featuring the nominees filled the cocktail area.



Jaclyn Victor thrilled guests with her power-packed vocal performance.



Guests received little cards to identify their seats. The table names represented characteristics of great women.



Each guest received this beautiful door gift from Suisse Programme.



Low Ngai Yuen, last year's winner in the Arts and Media category.



Fu Ching Yee, who was named winner in the Science & Technology category, is applauded by the crowd.



Yen Chong and Chery Wong.



Past nominee Ameer Philips (centre) with twins Thanuja and Anuja Ananthan.



(From left) Datin Munirah Abdullah Bajanuddin, Women Development Department Director General; Elaine Kwong; Keith Schafer, MD of Volvo Car Malaysia; Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, and Datin Azliza Ahmad Tajuddin.



Terence Teh and Soo Shea Pin.



Dessert is served! A gold-crested chocolate dome with passionfruit and honey ice cream and coulis.



(From left) Anne Jacqueline Paul; Roslin Ooi, Regional CFO for Volvo Cars Asia; and Rema Chetty.



(Clockwise, from top) Ally Tian, Ong Kay Li, King Xian Ying, Pat Chong and Elynn Leong.



The glorious floral decor for the night was created by the team at floral design studio, Wishing Tree, a partner of The Great Women Of Our Time 2013.



The refreshing Apple & Rosemary Sorbet.



Fine wines from Jacob's Creek to toast the night's inspiring women.



The nominees in the Arts & Media category (from left): Lim Wei-Ling, Juhaidah Joemin and Izan Satrina, receiving their certificates from Elaine.



Winners received an exclusive Suisse Programme skincare hamper.

and determination stand as a testament to women's ability to excel at the highest and widest level." Elaine Kwong, Editor of *The Weekly*, chimed similar sentiments as she addressed the evening's guests, who were beautifully decked out in glittering diamonds and pearls. "Each year, *The Weekly* strives to recognise smart and talented Malaysian women whose outstanding career achievements and contributions to society often go unnoticed." Indeed, the nominees from these six dynamic industries – Arts & Media; Design & Style; Education & Public Service; Finance & Commerce; Health, Sports & Wellness; and Science & Technology – are role models to untold numbers of women, who will be encouraged and inspired to pursue their passions, chase their dreams



Congratulations to the category winners (from left): Fu Ching Yee, Melinda Looi, Juhaidah Joemin, Dr Geshina Ayu Mat Saat, Dr Christina Ng and Lee Jia Ping, pictured here with Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim (third from right).

(From left) Yuri Wong, Xandria Ooi, Jean Loh and Lynette Ow.

Guests had a chance to view Ameer Philips' gem collection.

Lim Bee Bee and Cheong Pei Chyi.

Selina Yeop Jr and Datin Rita Shum.



Jennifer Teo and Yvette Kang.



Emcee Joanne De Rozario is lovely in a dress by Khoon Hooi, and jewellery by Ameer Philips.



Chocolate pralines, fruit jellies and macarons to end the night.

and make a difference to future generations. The awards this year was presented by Volvo, and co-sponsored by Suisse Programme and Ameer Philips. As the evening progressed at the Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur, awards were given out to the deserving winners as guests indulged in a delicious five-course dinner. The category winners were Juhaidah Joemin (Arts & Media), Dr Geshina Ayu Mat Saat (Education & Public Service), Dr Christina Ng (Health, Sports & Wellness), Lee Jia Ping (Finance & Commerce), Melinda Looi (Design & Style) and Fu Ching Yee (Science & Technology). When Dr Geshina was also presented with the Most Inspiring



Jean Chan and Nicole Lee.



(From left) Nafisah Radin, Datin Nora Abu Hassan and Dato' Wenddi-Anne Chong.



Tan Sze Yoong and Yeo Pei Ying.



Nominees Gina Yong (centre) and Dr Christina Ng (right) with Gina's husband, Anthony Chuah.



(From left) Tay Ai Leen, Datin Azliza, Datin Mina Foong and Daryl Foong.



The Tian of Deep Sea Crab & Scottish Salmon appetiser was a hit with guests!



Most Inspiring Woman 2013, Dr Geshina receives her prizes from Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim.



Past winner, Teri Choong (right) and Datin Viannie.

Amber Chia and Debbie Goh added star appeal to the glitzy gala.



Jaclyn serenades the crowd in a sparkling Khoo Hooi dress.



Nominee Izrin Ismail (pictured here with husband, Marcus Low) gave birth to her son four weeks before the gala and looks amazing in a bejewelled gown.



Handsome couple, nominee Lim Wei-Ling and Yohan Rajan.



Nominee Teh Chai Peng (right) and her niece, Shirlexia Tan.

Woman award (as voted by readers of *The Weekly*), the psychologist and criminologist declared herself “speechless” at her double win, but was in high spirits as the evening’s entertainment kicked in.

Jaclyn Victor then entered the ballroom to entertain guests with power-packed renditions of Alicia Keys’ *Superwoman*, Whitney Houston’s *One Moment In Time*, and of course, her own hit song, *Gemilang*. But the night’s festivities were far from over with one final treat in store – each guest received a surprise finale gift: A Kitchen Aid food appliance, in conjunction with *The Weekly*’s 13th anniversary.

With this year’s awards successfully rounded up, we’re now looking forward to discovering the next wave of women leaders for 2014. So if you know someone who’s inspiring other women in her field, email our Deputy Editor at asrina@bluinc.com.my and let us know! **W**

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Datin Yul Shin.



Radio DJ Dilly and Nik Tasha.



(Clockwise, from top left) Nita Ooi, Yvonne Liew, Kung Suan Ai, and Kung Suan Lay.



Anita Woo is thrilled at the surprise Kitchen Aid giveaway!



Radio DJ Deborah Raj is all smiles at the gift.