



Unifem honours outstanding S'porean women

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FOR the first time ever, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) has honoured three local women and one couple in recognition of their high achievements and contributions to society, with the Unifem Stellar Awards.

Held at JewelFest 2006, the Lifetime Achievement Award was given to former Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP) Dr Kanwaljit Soin, an orthopaedic and hand surgeon with her own private practice. Dr Soin was a founder member of the Association of Women for Action and Research (Aware) and Unifem (Singapore), and was part of medical missions to countries like East Timor and Indonesia.

The Successful Woman who Contributed to Society Award went to Dr Geh Min, also a former NMP and an ophthalmologist and the current president of the Nature Society (Singapore). Dr Geh also serves on several government panels, and heads the Environment and Health Functional Committee of the South-West Community Development Council. Mrs Ivy Singh-Lim - now running a leisure farm with her husband in Kranji - won the Stylish Achiever Award for her achievements in promoting netball in Singapore and Asia as the former president of Netball Singapore and the Asian Federation of Football Association. Mr Ivan and Grace Lee - the couple behind the successful ThaiExpress restaurants - took home the Young Partnership of the Year award. - LIN YANQIN