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MALAYSIAN, QUEK YEW AUN RECOGNIZED AS A GLOBAL “30 UNDER 30” BY LEADING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ORGANISATION

Kuala Lumpur, August 19, 2019 – Quek Yew Aun has been selected by The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) to join its fourth class of Environmental Education (EE) 30 Under 30. Yew Aun will join a growing network of 120 impactful leaders, including teachers, conservationists, researchers, and social entrepreneurs.

[EE 30 Under 30](#) was created in 2016 to recognize exemplary young professionals who are harnessing the power of education to create a more sustainable future. This year’s winners were selected from a pool of over 175 nominees from over three dozen countries.

Yew Aun contributes to this network of leaders by distilling his knowledge and passion into [Reef Stakes®](#)- a fun-filled informative table top card game. He is only the second Malaysian to have received this recognition.

“I congratulate Yew Aun and the entire Reef Stakes® team for this award and their commitment to environmental education”, said Alvin Chelliah, Programme Manager at Reef Check Malaysia, a long-time supporter of the game. “The Reef Stakes® game has been a useful tool to eloquently illustrate stakeholder relationships and ecological concepts to the public”, he added.

“We are honored to recognize and empower the next generation of environmental game changers from around the world,” said Judy Braus, Executive Director of NAAEE. The program is made possible thanks to the support of the [Global Environmental Education Partnership](#), the U.S. Forest Service, and Wells Fargo.

The EE 30 Under 30 program supports alumni by providing ongoing leadership development, including networking opportunities, scholarships to attend the NAAEE’s Annual International Conference, and access to webinars and resources.

To learn more about Yew Aun and his work, visit <https://naaee.org/about-us/people/quek-yew-aun>.

About Reef Stakes®

Reef Stakes® is the first and only marine-themed role-playing card game in Malaysia. Designed by four early-career conservation professionals, the game mimics real-life stakeholder relationships, introduces some of Malaysia's most iconic marine species and highlights threats to coral reefs. Since Reef Stakes®' inception in 2017, it has been used by various organizations for their outreach work and have been awarded the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Seeds of the Future grant.

About NAAEE

For nearly five decades, the [North American Association for Environmental Education](#) has led efforts to use the power of education to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement that will create a more equitable and sustainable future. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators, as well as 56 state, regional, and provincial environmental education affiliate organizations in more than 30 countries.