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**IGENE DIAGNOSTICS FINALIST OF EMERGING ENTERPRISE  
AWARD 2017**

*2 October 2017, Singapore*, iGene Diagnostics Pte Ltd is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the top 15 Finalist of the Emerging Enterprise Award 2017. iGene Diagnostics was shortlisted from over 70 entries.

The award was presented by Mr S. Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry at a Gala Dinner at the Ritz Carlton on 29 September 2017, to recognise promising and aspiring small and medium enterprises that have made outstanding innovations in contributing to Singapore's business landscape.

The company's success is owed to its innovative prenatal blood test, iGene®, that can detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities such as Down syndrome with over 99% accuracy. The test is based on pioneering Next Generation Sequencing technology delivering an accuracy that other incumbent technologies cannot match.

"We are extremely proud of to be awarded the top 15 Finalist of the Emerging Enterprise Award 2017. The award is a testament of our dedication and commitment to delivering excellence in women's health, and will serve as a springboard to help us accelerate our expansion plans locally and regionally, commented Dr. Richie Soong, Chief Executive Officer of iGene Diagnostics.

Established in 2008, the award recognises stellar young enterprises in Singapore, and is jointly organised by Singapore Press Holdings, The Business Times, and OCBC Bank, Mastercard, Acorn Marketing and Research Consultants, INSEAD, SPRING Singapore, Singtel, Maxus and RSM.



Dr Sidney Yee, A/Prof Richie Soong and the iGene Diagnostics team pose for a photo after receiving the Emerging Enterprise Award at The Ritz Carlton Hotel.

### **About iGene Diagnostics Pte Ltd**

With the vision of driving tomorrow's health care solutions with cutting edge next-generation sequencing technology, iGene Diagnostics provides innovative and sophisticated testing for the advancement of women's health. iGene Diagnostics is focused on discovering and developing novel technologies to help women live longer, better and healthier. iGene Diagnostics is a wholly owned subsidiary of INEX Innovations Exchange Pte Ltd.

### **About iGene®**

iGene® is a revolutionary non-invasive prenatal blood test that can detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities such as Down Syndrome with more than 99% accuracy. The test has drastically changed the course of prenatal screening because it offers expectant mothers accurate results without the risk of miscarriage. It is anticipated that the use of iGene® as a prenatal screening tool can reduce the rate of invasive procedures such as amniocenteses by as much as 95%.

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