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TAN SRI DATO' SERI VINCENT TAN CHEE YIOUN, BETTER MALAYSIA FOUNDATION AND BERJAYA CARES FOUNDATION

He might be best known for founding and heading the multi-faceted conglomerate known as the Berjaya Group, which includes property investment and development, a lottery agency, hotels, food and beverage and even the 7-11 convenience store franchise in its portfolio, as well as for making the international sporting news very regularly due to his ownership of English Premier League football club, Cardiff City. What many aren't so readily aware of, however, is Tan Sri Vincent Tan's deep commitment to personal philanthropy. Having signed the Giving Pledge, he has publicly committed to donating half his wealth during his lifetime. Some may remember Tan's generous RM25.6million donation to 90 charitable organisations as part of the Berjaya Founder's Day celebrations this year. But the bodies that are working hard to ensure help goes where it's needed most are the Berjaya Cares Foundation, established in 2008, as well as Tan's personal foundation – the Better Malaysia Foundation, which supports various feeding programmes for the impoverished, hefty donations in cash and kind to various homes and centres, and even the provision of free prosthetic limbs to needy amputees. In a previous interview with *Forbes*, he had shared how growing up poor and not being able to afford a proper tertiary education formed the basis of his decision to give back. "Ever since I achieved financial success, I have felt a sense of responsibility to help those who are less fortunate." Extremely health-conscious, Tan indulges in a variety of sport, including swimming, hitting the gym regularly and scuba-diving. I guess it shouldn't surprise us then that his most important exercise is the simple but profound act of reaching out, always, to pick others up.

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TAN LEI CHENG

There's always a season of doubt when it's time for the scions of a company's founder to take the helm, but Tan Lei Cheng, the daughter of Tan Sri Tan Chin Nam, has proven herself to be a shrewd corporate warrior since she became the CEO of Goldis Bhd in 2002. With over 30 years' experience in the property sector, Tan has spearheaded Goldis' diversification into numerous sectors, including life sciences, organic farming and ICT.



AR TAN PEI LING

She is considered the top female architect in Malaysia. The charismatic beauty runs her own architecture design firm and has handled many IOI projects, including IOI Mall, IOI Business Park, Marriott Hotel Putrajaya and IOI City. She was former President of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), the first female head since its inception 90 years ago. Tan is now the President of ARCASIA (Architects of Regional Council of Asia), making her also the first female head for the council.

DATO' SRI ROBERT TAN CHUNG MENG

The son of IGB Corporation Bhd's co-founder, the late Datuk Tan Kim Yeow, he has successfully continued his father's legacy in property. As Group Managing Director of IGB Corp, he is largely credited with the success of the massive MidValley City and The Gardens Mall. Together with his brother and sister, he owns 30 per cent of Goldis Bhd, one of the developers shortlisted for the Kwasa Damansara township development. He is married to Datin Sri Mei Tan and they have five children together.



DATO' ROBIN TAN YEONG CHING

Following the retirement of Tan Sri Vincent Tan from Berjaya Group, his son, Robin, took over the helm. He initially started out as an executive and has steadily climbed the corporate ladder to eventually become Berjaya's Chairman and CEO. When he's not running a multi-billion dollar empire, Tan enjoys a game of basketball.



DATO' ROSIE TAN

A veteran of over 40 years in the Tan Chong Group, Dato' Rosie Tan was the brainchild behind several initiatives, including innovative hedging products to minimise costs, and establishing the Treasury Department and Human Capital Management Division, that helped transform the Group into the powerhouse it is today. Outside of work, she plays an active role in promoting awareness on HIV/AIDS through the Pink Triangle Foundation and the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. Those who know her well also attest to her well-honed palate, particularly for Japanese *ramen* noodles.



DATUK TAN SAY JIM

It has been nearly two decades since Tan founded IRIS Corporation Bhd in the interest of national security. In 1998, Tan introduced the world's first ePassport system. As a staunch environmentalist, Tan has steered IRIS into other fields, such as renewable energy and food production.



TAN TWAN ENG

This Penang-born author's name has been on the lips of the literati ever since his first novel, *The Gift of Rain*, was nominated for the Man Booker Prize. He read law at the University of London and has also worked as a lawyer at a renowned Kuala Lumpur firm. Having nursed the dream of writing since childhood, the 42-year-old has since gone on to pen his second novel, *The Garden of Evening Mists*. Don't let his gentle looks fool you; he holds a first dan ranking in Aikido.



TAN SRI DATO' SERI VINCENT TAN CHEE YOON

Tan Sri Vincent Tan got his big break at the age of 29 when he acquired the McDonald's franchise in Malaysia. He went on to found the Berjaya Group in 1984 after acquiring a major controlling stake in Berjaya Industrial Bhd. While he has since passed on the position of Chairman to his son, Dato' Robin, in 2012, he continues to play an active role in promoting English proficiency through non-profit organisations such as SOLS 24/7. He is also the owner of the English football club, Cardiff City.



TAN SRI DATUK TEE HOCK SENG

The Group Managing Director of Bina Puri Group is an experienced entrepreneur with over 30 years' experience in trading, construction and development. In 2005, he was bestowed the "Most Prominent Player" award by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). Besides running Bina Puri, he is involved in community work, holding positions in charitable organisations, Chinese associations, schools and hospitals. He also has ties with the Malaysia South-South Association and Master Builders Association Malaysia. He was appointed a senator for three years from 2008.



TAN SRI DATO' SRI DR TEH HONG PIOW

It's hard to separate Public Bank from Tan Sri Teh Hong Piow. After all, the self-made billionaire had built up the bank virtually from scratch. Founded in 1966, the bank is now one of the country's most solid financial institutions. Teh started his career as a bank clerk and rose through the ranks. He is now firmly entrenched in the Malaysian tycoons' hall of fame and is a veritable banking legend and all-round success story.