

# Message by SNEF / EEN Secretariat

The Singapore National Employers Federation / EEN Secretariat is pleased to support the Enabling Employers Network as its secretariat and in organising the very first Enabling Employers Awards. Since 2007, SNEF has coordinated the Network's various initiatives, programmes and outreach to advance the cause of employment for Persons with disabilities in Singapore. Over the past 4 years, EEN was able to leverage on SNEF's platform to reach out to employers in Singapore to open up employment opportunities. Nearly 120 employers responded to create more than 500 jobs vacancies through the OPEN DOOR Fund.

This collaboration has further expanded in the past year to include the National Council of Social Service, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Singapore Workforce Development Agency as well as other key agencies and ministries such as the Tripartite Alliance for Fair Employment Practices, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Education. The Enabling Employers Awards 2011 is an example of this multi-agency effort. The joint efforts of the different agencies will ensure that we can support employers in a holistic and sustainable way to include PWDs in their workforce.

All the winners of the Enabling Employers Awards featured in this book have made special efforts in employing and integrating Persons with disabilities which strongly resonates with SNEF's core mission to help employers achieve excellence in employment practices. In this regard, we invite more potential employers to explore what the OPEN DOOR Fund can offer to help kick start the process of integrating Persons with disabilities into the workforce.