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## **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION FOR THE KASPERSKY LAB COMMONWEALTH ANTARTIC EXPEDITION.**

When Sophia Pang first joined the Kaspersky Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition she knew it would take her to one of the most extreme environments on the planet. What she did not know was that her achievements would also take her to a lavish reception hosted by the President of Singapore.

On a sunny Friday afternoon, the Banquet Hall of the Presidential residence played host to Sophia Pang and the management team of Kaspersky Lab in recognition of Sophia's accomplishment of becoming the first Singaporean woman to ski to the South Pole.



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Mr. Eugene Kaspersky

The President of Singapore, His Excellency S.R. Nathan hosted the reception, while Mr Eugene Kaspersky, CEO and Founder of Kaspersky Labs interrupted his busy schedule to attend the glamorous occasion.



Among the other dignitaries were The Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Mrs Lim Hwee Hwa, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and Transport, who is also the Singapore Team Patron for the Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition. Mrs Lim spoke about the significance of Sophia's achievement and why all of Singapore was proud of her amazing accomplishments.

In addition to Eugene Kaspersky, Mr Harry Cheung Managing Director for APAC and Ms Gun Suk Ling, the Managing Director for South East Asia also represented Kaspersky Lab at the reception. Mr Cheung and Mr Kaspersky even travelled to Antarctic to meet Sophia and her team when they arrived at the South Pole.

Friends and family of Sophia were fascinated as she took the guests through a photo presentation detailing the challenges her team faced on their 900km journey.

Commenting on the success of the expedition, Mr Kaspersky said his company felt like it was part of the team, helping to support the women through each and every step of their trip.



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Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Mdm Sophia Pang

“When we first heard about Sophia and her team’s quest to ski to the South Pole, I knew that it was something Kaspersky Lab wanted to support. They were just months away from their start date but they had yet to secure the funding they needed to ensure the expedition could go ahead. And it was Sophia who approached Kaspersky Lab and helped secure our support – not just for her – but for the whole team,” Mr Kaspersky said.

While Sophia was honoured by the Presidential reception, she took time to thank her sponsors and the people who made the expedition possible.

“We would never have made it to the South Pole without the support of Kaspersky Lab. When I first approach them, I was hoping Kaspersky Lab would support my ambition to be the first Singaporean woman to ski to the South Pole. When Kaspersky Lab agreed to sponsor the entire team, I simply jumped for joy,” Ms Pang said.

At the conclusion of the reception President Nathan presented Sophia with a RISIS Plate in recognition of the honour she had brought to Singapore.



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## About Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition

Representing 5 continents, 6 faiths and 7 languages, the expedition will mark the 60th anniversary of the Commonwealth which is an association of 53 nations incorporating more than 2 billion people around the globe. The aim of the very first all women expedition is to reflect the ethos of the Commonwealth by promoting greater understanding and cooperation between nations and to highlight the achievements of women worldwide.

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