

Asians OF THE YEAR 2018

The 7th edition of this annual award honours a group of people who put themselves in harm's way while saving lives when natural disasters struck Asia this year

THE FIRST RESPONDERS

- 1 The late Singaporean paraglider Ng Kok Choong, for his rescue work in the aftermath of the Central Sulawesi earthquake
- 2 Indian Navy helicopter pilots P. Rajkumar and Vijay Varma for their death-defying rescue efforts during the floods in Kerala, India
- 3 Indonesia's National Agency for Disaster Management spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, who put a face to the hundreds of personnel involved in disaster relief



1 Ng Kok Choong



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Vijay Varma

P. Rajkumar

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Sutopo Purwo Nugroho



4 Singapore's home-grown NGO Mercy Relief



5 Asean Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)