

Vikas Pota honoured by the World Economic Forum

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Vikas Pota, CEO of the Varkey GEMS Foundation, has been selected as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Dubai. The World Economic Forum has selected Vikas Pota, Chief Executive of the Varkey GEMS Foundation as a "Young Global Leader". This honour is bestowed each year to recognise the most distinguished leaders under the age of 40, nominated from around the world.

Young Global Leaders (YGLs) represent the future of leadership, coming from all regions of the world and representing business, government, civil society, arts & culture, academia and media, as well as social entrepreneurs. These young leaders are proposed through a qualified nomination process and assessed according to rigorous selection criteria.

Klaus Schwab, Founder & Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum said: "The Forum of Young Global Leaders provides a unique effort to engage the younger generation into the management of global affairs, working together and being integrated into the larger Forum community. The Young Global Leaders have an exceptional opportunity to improve the state of the world."

Vikas Pota, Chief Executive of the Varkey GEMS Foundation, said: "Our world faces huge challenges and the one I have committed to concerns supporting the capacity of teachers to become more effective in the classroom. Knowing the magnitude of this task, I hope to use this Forum to learn more about our world, and by doing so hope to inform how we achieve our aim to improve education outcomes for the most needy."

Past YGLs include Larry Page, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Google, USA; Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook; Abdulla Bin Ali Al Thani, Vice President of the Qatar Foundation; Salman Khan, Founder & Executive Director of Khan Academy; Marissa Mayer, Chief Executive Officer of Yahoo! Inc; Enrique Pena Nieto, President of Mexico; and David Cameron, Prime Minister of the UK.

The Varkey GEMS Foundation is the philanthropic arm of GEMS Education which has a global network of schools providing education to 130,000 students globally.