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Jannie Tay is a businesswoman whose achievements are recognized both in Singapore and around the world. She is the Vice Chairman of The Hour Glass - a company she co-founded with her husband more than twenty years ago, which has grown from a one-shop retail operation to become a leading international retailer of high quality timepieces, jewellery and writing instruments, with boutiques across Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. Recently she has also brought together her background in pharmacology and business and her passion for wellness and wellbeing to establish the Essential Lifestyle Group, a company which focuses on the natural living and bio-medical industries. Jannie's achievements

include becoming the first female president of both the Singapore Retailers' Association and the ASEAN Business Forum. In 1997 she was named as one of the 50 leading women entrepreneurs in the world. Her honours include a doctorate from Oxford Brookes University in 1999, and conferment in 2003 of the title of Darjah Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (DSAP), which carries the title Dato'. In 2004, she was the recipient of the Monash University Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her outstanding achievements in business in Singapore and internationally, for her energetic advocacy for the advancement of women, and for her sustained contributions to community causes. Her biography Time to live - Jannie Tay's Journey was published in 2002. She co-founded the East-West Foundation, which links Japanese and Asian business people with business partners in Australia, and is a tireless supporter of the arts and charitable causes.