

## Press Release

### ANDAMAN DISCOVERIES TO REPRESENT THAILAND AT THE ASIA SOCIETY'S ASIA 21 YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT

*Social entrepreneur from the Andaman Coast to join 150 young leaders from the Asia Pacific for a multi-cultural, multi-sectoral dialogue*

(29 November 2010, Jakarta) - Bodhi Garrett, founder of Andaman Discoveries, has been chosen among more than 200 emerging leaders from the Asia-Pacific region to participate in the Asia Society's fifth annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit, to be held in Jakarta from December 3-5, 2010.

Garrett joins other young leaders, all under age 40, who will engage in discussions about *"Unity in Diversity: Responsible Leadership in the Asia-Pacific."* The Asia 21 Summit is the pre-eminent gathering of Asia's most dynamic young leaders from the Asia-Pacific region, from every sector including business, government, media, culture and civil society. To date, the network counts more than 600 of the most accomplished young leaders in the Asia-Pacific among its members, including businessmen, documentary filmmakers, environmental activists, human rights advocates, members of parliament, military personnel, performance artists, and social entrepreneurs.

Born and raised in Kathmandu, Garrett founded North Andaman Tsunami Relief after the December 2004 wave claimed his job, home, and the surrounding communities. With a total budget of over \$3.7 million, the grassroots disaster relief effort grew to encompass over 150 projects in 12 villages. Since 2007, Garrett has guided the formation of handicrafts cooperatives, community networks, youth conservation projects, and Andaman Discoveries - an award-winning social enterprise enabling visitors and volunteers to directly support village-led education, conservation, and cultural empowerment. Recent accolades include UNDP's SEED Award, Travel+Leisure's Global Vision Award, and the BBC World Challenge.

*"The Asia 21 Summit brings together the region's most impressive young leaders to develop relationships, trust, and mutual understanding that can drive collaborative approaches for addressing the region's greatest challenges,"* says Asia Society Executive Vice President Jamie Metzl.

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