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SUNWAY Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah was conferred the AAMO Asian Leadership Award at the 20th Asian Association of Management Organisations (AAMO) triennial conference.

Besides driving sustainable socio-economic growth through the 12 businesses of the Sunway Group, Cheah has pioneered the concept of integrated green townships in Malaysia as well as focused on nation-building through education.

Sunway Group was founded on the concept of sustainable development, beginning with the development of Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, which was Malaysia's first integrated green township.

The township was rehabilitated from a barren land of disused and abandoned mining pools and restored into a complete ecosystem. Today, Sunway City is home to a thriving community of more than 200,000 people living, working, playing and studying in a healthy and connected environment.

Cheah is also the founding trustee of Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF) – Malaysia's largest education-focused social enterprise that has awarded RM402mil in scholarships and grants as of 2018, and has donated over RM25mil for school upgrades

and developments.

JCF has also endowed US\$10mil to the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network Association in 2016 to establish the Jeffrey Sachs Centre on Sustainable Development at Sunway University. This is part of the foundation's efforts to further advance the sustainability agenda in Malaysia and Asia.

The centre also serves as the host for SDSN Malaysia chaired by Cheah, who was named the Sustainability Icon by RAM Consultancy in 2017.

Also conferred the AAMO Asian Leadership Award were RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group chairman Sanjiv Goenka, who leads the conglomerate, with a revenue of US\$3.2bil, headquartered in India, and Indus Health Network chief executive officer Dr Abdul Bari Khan who created a network of private hospitals in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad received the Visionary Leader and Nation Builder Award in the same ceremony.

AAMO is an 11-member organisation that promotes and supports the development of professional management and leadership in Asia-Pacific.



From left are Dr Abdul Bari, Dr Mahathir, Sanjiv and Cheah who received awards at the 20th AAMO triennial conference.