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Singapore: Ernst & Young LLP have awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 Award in the Health Services and Technology category to Ms Vinita Gupta, CEO, Lupin Pharmaceuticals. As a Maryland award winner, Ms Gupta is now eligible for consideration for the National Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 Award.

The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs, who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Ms Gupta was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala on June 28, 2012, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Maryland.

Commenting on the award, Ms Vinita Gupta, CEO, Lupin Pharmaceuticals said, "I am honored to receive this recognition on behalf of our company. We have been very fortunate to have multiple opportunities to grow and differentiate our organization while bringing quality, affordable generics and valuable brands to the US market. The passion, dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of our team has set us apart from competition."

Some of the former winners of the 26-year-old Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Program, include eminent inspirational leaders such Mr Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com; Mr Michael Dell of Dell; Mr Herb Kelleher of Southwest Airlines; Mr Fred Smith of FedEx; Mr Larry Page and Mr Sergey Brin of Google; Mr Richard Schulze of Best Buy; Mr Andrew Mason of Groupon; Mr Mindy Grossman of HSN; Mr Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; among others.