## Zeeshan Pasha, Nifnex Review winner of Australian Asian Association of WA 'Business Migrant of the Year Award' in 20th Belmont Small Business Awards

Nifnex Review one of 24 Western Australian small businesses awarded in the 20<sup>th</sup> Belmont Small Business Awards. The winners were showcased at the 'Night of Stars Event' Grand Ballroom, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Attendees on the night enjoyed a WA Designer Showcase which was supported by Atelier Zuhal and Green Embassy, Morgan Marks and Joan Dellavalle. In addition, entertainer Miss Poppy performed on the night. This year's MC's were Cassie Rowe, Chair Belmont BEC & Louis Geneste Secretary Belmont BEC. Glenys Godfrey, MLA, Member for Belmont gave an update on small business in WA and Dianne May, WA State Manager of AusIndustry presented a message from The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Small Business Minister.

This year a special raffle was conducted to help people in the Philippines that has been recently been devastated by Typhoon Yolanda. The Belmont BEC & TCFWA gathered more than \$10,000 worth of gift prizes which were drawn on the night, and the proceeds will be directed towards the rebuilding of the TCF Ormoc Sewing Centres and the TCF ESVU Centre of Entrepreneurship, Leyte Province, Philippines.

Winner of the 'Business Migrant of the Year Award' was Zeeshan Pasha, The Nifnex Review is Perth's SME Business publication with informative and educational business articles, interviews and resources read by over 43,000 est. business people in Perth most of whom are owners of small to medium sized businesses. In addition, Nifnex runs regular networking events to help business owners interact whilst learning from a guest speaker in an open forum style setting. Originally from India, Zeeshan arrived in Australia in 1996 as a student wanting to pursue his dreams of being a successful businessman whilst staying true to his culture, roots and embracing the Aussie spirit to make a name for himself.

Sponsor of the award, Mr Mel Fialho, President of the Australian Asian Association of Australia said, "The Australian Asian Association is one of Western Australia's premier ethnic conglomerate bodies, providing rent free accommodation to 17 of their ethnic conglomerate associations from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe in their current building on Stirling Street. The building is used for services by the Chilean, Thai and Filipino Consul Generals. This building has a major and a minor function centre which are in constant use. The Australian Asian Association provides a range of services to their clients including Training, Legal Advice, Immigration Advice and Case Management, Welfare, Emergency Relief, Aged Care under the Community Aged Care Packages and Health and Community Care and an Ethnic Secretariat that provides amongst its many services, help to new and emerging groups in preparing their constitutions and registration. The membership and services continue to grow in geometrical proportions as evident from tonight's function. Congratulations to this year's Award winner Zeeshan Pasha from Nifnex Review"

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