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On 8 March, I had the pleasure of attending the presentation of the Manager of the Year awards for 1995. This is the third year that these important awards, organised by the Darwin and Alice Springs regions of the Australian Institute of Management, have been held Territory-wide. The judges were impressed with the quality and diversity of the nominations for the various categories, which together attracted 21 entries. I was pleased to see that 4 of the finalists were women, and I was particularly encouraged by the fact that all nominees had a focus on Asia as well as Australia. It is hard to imagine management awards anywhere else in the country with all entrants having some involvement with the Asian region. On behalf of the Northern Territory government, the main sponsor of the awards, I congratulate all winners and finalists. The Territory Manager of the Year is Ross Mierendorff, the general manager of Darwin Ship Repair and Engineering. The General Manager category of the awards was a tie between Ken Cohalan of QUF Industries and Les Holden of the Territory Insurance Office, and the Special Projects category was won by Sheila Forrest of the Northern Territory Library, with Karen Vought of the Territory Treasury being highly recommended. I had the pleasure of personally presenting the inaugural Chief Minister's Award for Management in the Area of South East Asian-Northern Territory Relations. This was won by Bernie Ostermeyer of Bulk Transfer Systems. The Fellows Award was taken out by Richard Ryan of the Henry Walker Group. Other outstanding nominees who were selected as finalists are Steve Balch of Territory Lotteries, Diane McEwan of Centralian College, Lawrie Mortimer of Telstra, Brooke Picken of Territory Roof Coat and Penny Van Oosterzee and Noel Preece of Ecoz Australia. I take this opportunity to place on record the government's appreciation of the management development role that the Institute of Management is playing in the Territory. AIM has been operating in the Territory for 2 decades and now has over 400 individual members and 300 corporate members. It works in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Royal Institute

of Public Administration, and offers management development courses in association with Northern Territory University. Particular credit for organising the annual Manager of the Year awards goes to coordinators Greg Constantine of TIO, recently retired Assistant Police Commissioner Bill Wilson, and Jan Blanchard of Northern Territory University.