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TECH23 2013 PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

SYDNEY: The top honours at the fifth annual Tech23 2013 held in Sydney last night went to 2Mar Robotics who won the Innovation Excellence Award for their robotic arm developed for people in wheelchairs; and the ATP Innovations' Explorer Award, gaining return flights to Silicon Valley, five nights' accommodation and hosted introductions in the Valley.

The Tech23 Greatest Potential Award was won by Sabre Autonomous Solutions for their grit-blasting robot. They also won London & Partners Discover Tech City Award, a free trip to London.

BuyReply, who enable retailers to sell products straight from a TV or a catalogue without using apps was the crowd favourite, taking away the Tech23 2013 People's Choice Award. A cash prize of \$5,000 sponsored by PayPal was also awarded to BuyReply.

REA Group awarded their \$5,000 cash prize to Food Orbit for their platform connecting farmers and restaurants, and a \$1,000 Visa gift card thanks to Braintree.

SimplyShow.me won \$2,500 cash from AMP Amplify Festival for their secure video solution.

NSW Trade & Investment awarded two MVP Grants worth \$15,000 each to Sabre Autonomous Solutions and Intersective, creators of experiential learning communities.

"This year there was a great variety of companies - from batteries to robots to skytrees. There was also more of a national feel than in past years with half of the Tech23 coming from outside NSW and many attendees visiting from interstate," said Rachel Slattery, founder of Tech23.

"It's great to see so many exciting technologies that can bring real impact to productivity but also new technologies that can really benefit the lives of people."

Tech23 2013, an annual event showcasing 23 exceptional start-ups was sponsored by NSW Trade & Investment, Amazon Web Services, NICTA, AMP Amplify Festival, Anchor, Citrix, CSIRO, London & Partners, UOW iAccelerate, and muru-D. ""It's great to see so many exciting technologies that can bring real impact to productivity but also new technologies that can really benefit the lives of people."
– Rachel Slattery, Director, SlatteryIT

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Well done to all of the wonderful Tech23 2013 companies and congratulations to this year's prize winners!

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