

THREE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Three outstanding environmental champions will be receiving the President's Award for the Environment (PAE) from President S R Nathan today. They are Alexandra Hospital, Senoko Power Limited and South West Community Development Council (CDC)

2 The award is the highest accolade in Singapore's environment and water resources field. It recognizes individuals, organizations and companies which have contributed significantly to Singapore's efforts in achieving environmental and water sustainability.

PAE Award Winners

3 **Alexandra Hospital** has adopted best practices in both environmental protection and water conservation. Besides promoting and implementing environmental programmes within its organisation, Alexandra Hospital also rallies the community through its various outreach programmes to join in its efforts towards Singapore's sustainable development.

5 **Senoko Power Limited** is a pioneer in the power generation industry in promoting and adopting environmental-friendly policies in their business practices and in influencing their stakeholders. They have also gone beyond their immediate area of work by actively partnering non-governmental organisations and schools in promoting environmental awareness to the community at large. Senoko Power is a fine example of how private organisations can do their part for the environment.

6 **South West CDC** is well acknowledged for their efforts in raising awareness on a diverse range of environmental and water issues including public health, water, resource conservation and nature. It galvanises the community to participate in environmental and water activities through its numerous campaigns. Most of all, South West CDC ensures these initiatives are carried out on a sustained basis so that environmental and water messages are perpetuated to the community.

Award Ceremony

7 The Award Ceremony will take place at The Istana on 21 Oct evening. About 170 guests from the people, public and private sectors are expected to attend the event.

8 Besides handing out the awards, President S R Nathan will also be launching a new book entitled “Clean, Green and Blue: Singapore’s Journey Towards Environmental and Water Sustainability” authored by Mr Tan Yong Soon with Dr Lee Tung Jean and Ms Karen Tan. The book traces how Singapore has arrived at the good environment it enjoys today, and in so doing draws out some lessons for achieving future sustainability. The book is targeted at environment and water sector policy-makers, practitioners, and professionals, both in Singapore and overseas, as well as Singaporeans who wish to play a role in improving the living environment.

9 A fund-raiser was held in conjunction with the launch of the book, with 21 donors each making a contribution of \$20,000. The \$420,000 collected from these donors will be channeled to the Nature Society (Singapore), the Singapore Environment Council and the President’s Challenge which is administered by the National Council on Social Service.

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THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The President's Award for the Environment is the highest accolade in Singapore's Environment and Water Resources field. The Award aims to:

- Recognise significant achievements and contributions of individuals, organisations and companies towards Singapore achieving environmental and water sustainability;
- Raise the profile of environmental and water contributions and instil among Singaporeans the importance of conserving and enhancing our environmental and water resources; and
- Demonstrate Government's support for efforts by the 3P sectors (People, Public and Private) to sustain our environment

Individuals, organisations (NGOs, volunteer groups, grassroots organisations, institutions, public agencies, etc) and companies are eligible for the award. Individuals must be Singapore citizens or permanent residents, and organisations and companies must be registered in Singapore.

Nominees must possess the following qualities:

- An excellent environmental track record
- High impact contributions to the environment
- Adoption and promotion of good environmental practices both within and beyond themselves or their organizations.

Further details can be found at: <http://www.mewr.gov.sg/presidentsaward/>

PROFILE OF ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

Alexandra Hospital is an organisation that has adopted best practices in both environmental protection and water conservation, and its commitment is best demonstrated by the management's leadership and enthusiasm of its employees in environmental conservation.

For a start, green features such as energy-efficient lighting, double-layered insulation and solar panels can be found throughout the premises. Environmental messages are also displayed prominently to constantly remind employees, patients and visitors to do their part for the environment. Its eco-friendly practices are further enhanced by the hospital's waste reduction and recycling scheme and use of water-saving devices.

Alexandra Hospital's efforts in nature conservation have also been commended. Many areas within the hospital compound have been set aside for nature appreciation, such as the Butterfly Trail and Eco Pond, which not only accentuate the landscape of the hospital but also promote the well-being of employees and patients. These have since become an attraction even for many locals and foreigners who are not employees and patients from the hospital.

Extending efforts beyond its grounds, Alexandra Hospital has adopted the Yishun Pond under PUB's Our Waters Programme. Through activities such as tree-planting and clean-ups, Alexandra Hospital has been encouraging residents to assume ownership of the pond. The hospital also organises activities at our reservoirs from time to time, taking the chance to educate the populace on the importance of treasuring Singapore's water resources.

Alexandra Hospital's dedication to environmental protection is an excellent benchmark for its stakeholders and peers.

PROFILE OF SENOKO POWER LIMITED

Senoko Power Limited is a pioneer in promoting and adopting environmentally-friendly business policies in the power generation industry. With environmental concerns among the company's top priorities, Senoko Power Limited conscientiously integrates sustainable practices into its business decisions. As a testimony to its efforts, Senoko Power Limited was the first power generation company to be awarded the ISO 14001 certification for its meritorious environmental management.

In adopting the best practices in environmental protection and water conservation, Senoko Power Limited has invested significantly in technologies. These include converting its power plants to use clean natural gas instead of fossil fuel oil to reduce its carbon footprint and building a desalination plant to reduce potable water consumption. In addition, it has implemented waste reduction, re-use and recycling programmes throughout its premises since 2004.

Recognising the importance of community engagement, Senoko Power Limited constantly encourages energy efficiency and water conservation among its employees and contractors. It actively partners schools to instil students with greater environmental consciousness through initiatives such as the National Weather Study Project and PUB's Our Waters Programme. Further to that, Senoko Power Limited provided mentorship on environmental issues to students from 14 schools under the NEA's Corporate and Schools Partnership Programme. Since 2005, it has also partnered the Singapore Environment Council to promote sustainable businesses through the SEC-Senoko Power Green Innovation Awards.

Senoko Power Limited is indeed a fine example of how the private sector can play a role in protecting and conserving the environment through responsible business practices and community outreach initiatives.

PROFILE OF SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The South West Community Development Council (South West CDC) is a leading community organisation that promotes community bonding through active participation in environmental programmes. Initiatives such as the Cool South West! Campaign encourage the residents to combat climate change through actions as simple as using energy-efficient light bulbs.

To help create a pleasant living environment for its residents, the South West CDC initiated the “My Environment Shines” programme in 2005 to raise the alert on public health issues. This was expanded to “My Mall Shines” in 2006, “My Dormitory Shines” in 2007, and “My Hostel Shines” in 2008. The 100,000 Native Plants @ South West programme was also launched in 2007 to reinstate the natural heritage as well as fight climate change, with 33 gardens and close to 100,000 trees, plants and shrubs grown to-date.

South West CDC also actively engages and collaborate with community and corporate organisations to widen the spread of its environmental messages, such as the collaboration with the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Environmental Challenge Organisation (ECO) for the South West Junior Environment Ambassador Programme.

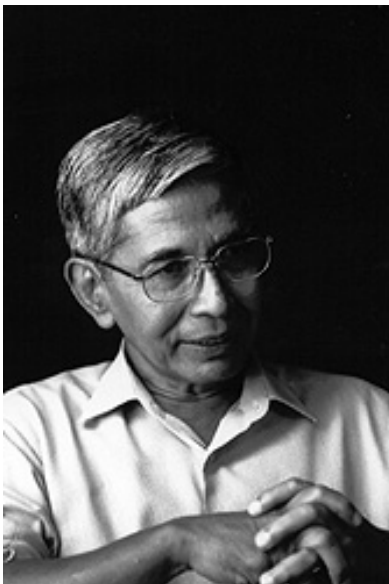
Paving the way towards environmental sustainability, the South West CDC’s draft ECo (Environment & Community) Plan South West brings the different environmental projects under a coherent master plan and deepens community involvement in environmental protection.

South West CDC’s dedication to environmental and water sustainability is most commendable, making it deserving of the President’s Award for the Environment 2008.

DETAILS ON PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TROPHY

Each winner will receive a trophy which is designed and produced by Singapore's contemporary ceramics artist and Cultural Medallion winner, Mr Iskandar Jalil.

Each trophy is shaped like a watering can to acknowledge the winners' contributions in nurturing Singapore's environment and also symbolizes the importance of water as a precious resource that should be treasured by every Singaporean. The spectrum of earthy, blue and green hues on the trophy mirrors the resplendence of Singapore's natural environment.



MEMBERS OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Evaluation Committee for 2008 consists of prominent individuals in the 3P sectors (i.e. People, Public and Private) in the environmental arena.

Chairman

1. Mr Tan Gee Paw (Chairman, PUB) - Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee

Members:

- Ms Chew Gek Khim (Chairman, NEA)
- Mr Charles Chong (Chairman, GPC for National Development and Environment)
- Ms Loh Wai Kiew (Chairman, SEC)
- Ms Olivia Lum (President, Singapore Water Association)
- Mrs Rosa Daniel (DS, MEWR)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON
“CLEAN, GREEN AND BLUE: SINGAPORE'S JOURNEY
TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY”**

**Extract from the Preface of “Clean, Green and Blue”
by Mr Tan Yong Soon:**

I wanted to produce a book to explain how Singapore came to choose the environmental path it did. Not just what we did, but how we made our calculations and reached our decisions. And through reflecting on the past, I wanted to synthesize the principles that would lead us forward into the future.”

I hope this book will be read by Singaporeans who wish to play a role in improving the living environment, whether they are working in the government or the environment and water industry, or are just concerned members of the public. The latter group is especially important because the environment is everyone’s business, and is too important to be left to only the professionals and policy makers. It will be an added bonus if professionals in other cities also find the book useful to their work. Since more than half of the world’s population live in cities and all of us live on the same earth, each person taking action to improve his local environment will collectively result in significant improvements for the global environment.

Endorsements from leading personalities

“I welcome this book as an inspiring how-to guide for any city seeking to improve its environment the book shows that investment in environment sustainability can indeed be fully compatible with economic growth.”

*Dr Margaret Chan
Director-General, World Health Organisation*

“This book will unquestionably make all Singaporeans proud of their environmental achievements, and at the same time enable other countries, both developed and developing, to learn many lessons from a most remarkable success story.”

*Professor Asit K. Biswas
President, Third World Centre for Water Management, Mexico and
Distinguished Visiting Professor,
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore*

“Singapore's environmental story is an inspiring one. This book is a must read by any one who wants to know how Singapore did it.”

*Professor Tommy Koh
Chairman, Preparatory Committee and Chairman, Main Committee
UN Conference on Environment and Development*

“Singapore provides an exciting example of how good governance can ensure the integration of environmental sustainability into city planning and the pursuit of economic development.”

*Achim Steiner
Executive Director, United Nations Environmental Programme*

“Yong Soon and his team have rightly sought to reach out to everyone who is concerned with the sustainability of our planet and who wishes to play a role in improving the living environment.”

*Lim Chee Onn
Executive Chairman, Keppel Corp*

“Singapore's environmental aspirations and achievements are presented with clarity and insight in this book. Its inclusive perspective recognises not just the government's major role but the importance of community and NGO participation/partnerships in attaining the vision of environmental sustainability.”

*Dr Geh Min
President, Nature Society of Singapore (2000-2008)*

**FUND-RAISER HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE LAUNCH OF “CLEAN, GREEN AND BLUE”**

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- 15 Lum Chang Holdings Ltd
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- 18 Senoko Power Limited
- 19 The Shaw Foundation Pte
- 20 The Tan Chin Tuan Foundation
- 21 United Engineers Limited

Beneficiaries

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| 1. | Nature Society (Singapore) | \$105,000 |
| 2. | President’s Challenge | \$210,000 |
| 3. | Singapore Environment Council | \$105,000 |