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A new President's Award for the Environment to recognise and honour individuals, organisations and companies who have made significant contribution to Singapore's efforts to achieve environmental sustainability, was announced by the Ministry for the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) on 30 May 2006.

2 The objectives of the President's Award for the Environment are to:

- a. recognise significant achievements and contributions of individuals, organisations and companies towards Singapore achieving environmental and water sustainability;
- b. raise the profile of environmental and water contributions and instill among Singaporeans the importance of conserving and enhancing our environmental and water resources; and
- c. demonstrate Government's support for efforts by the 3P sectors to sustain our environment.

3 The President's Award for the Environment is awarded to individuals, organisations (NGOs, volunteer groups, grassroots organisations, institutions, public agencies, etc) and companies, that have had an excellent environmental track record, have made high impact contributions to the environment, and have adopted and promoted good environmental practices both within and beyond themselves or their organisations.

4 Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim said: "The President's Award for the Environment aims to raise the already high level of ownership and pride among Singaporeans today in caring for our environment. I hope this Award will drive us to reach even greater heights in overcoming new challenges and spur each one of us on to continue striving towards environmental sustainability for Singapore."

5 The winners will be announced in November 2006 and recipients of the award will each receive a trophy and a certificate from the President of the Republic of Singapore.

6 Public nomination for the award is now open. The closing date for nominations is 31 July 2006. For more information, please refer to the President's award website at <http://www.mewr.gov.sg/presidentsaward>

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