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Three outstanding environmental champions will be receiving the President's Award for the Environment (PAE) from President S R Nathan today.

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

Award Recipients

3 The recipients for PAE 2007 (not in order of merit) are: PUB Chairman, Mr Tan Gee Paw, former Chairman of National Parks Board, Prof Leo Tan and Singapore property developer, City Developments Limited.

4 Mr Tan Gee Paw is being recognized for his contributions in putting in place a robust and sustainable water supply system in Singapore. He was also instrumental in overseeing the development of NEWater which was successfully introduced in 2002 to meet Singapore's water needs.

5 Prof Leo Tan is selected for his outstanding contributions in nature conservation and marine biology education. Prof Leo's achievements include getting Labrador Park re-designated as the protected Labrador Park Reserve and transforming the National Parks Board from a green infrastructure builder to a provider of exciting lifestyle and recreational experiences.

6 City Developments Limited is a pioneer property developer in Singapore, in terms of incorporating sustainable business practices and promoting green outreach programmes. These have become an integral part of its corporate social responsibility management since the late 1990s.

Award Ceremony

7 The Award Ceremony will take place at The Istana on 7 Dec evening. About 120 guests from the people, public and private sectors are expected to attend the event.

8 Authentic hawker fare from 12 popular hawkers stalls shortlisted by the National Environment Agency's Hawker's Department will be served at the dinner reception after the award ceremony.

Please refer to the following appendices for details:

Appendix I - Details on The President's Award for the Environment

Appendix II - Profile on Mr Tan Gee Paw

Appendix III - Profile on Professor Leo Tan

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 ON MR TAN GEE PAW

Mr Tan Gee Paw has devoted his entire career to the environmental and water sector. As Chairman of PUB, Mr Tan brought about the integration of water, drainage and sewerage services under one agency, enabling Singapore to put in place a robust and sustainable water supply system. Mr Tan was also instrumental in overseeing the development of NEWater, which was successfully introduced in 2002 to meet Singapore's water needs. Under his leadership and guidance, PUB has won numerous recognitions, including the Stockholm Industry Water Award 2007, one of the highest accolades in the water sector.

Mr Tan was also involved in the clean-up of the Singapore River, a project that spanned ten years and involved many public sector agencies. For his efforts, Mr Tan was conferred the Clean Rivers Commemorative Gold Medal in 1987. Mr Tan was subsequently appointed as the Permanent Secretary of the then Ministry of the Environment in 1995 and also received the Meritorious Service Medal in 2001 for his contributions to water management in Singapore.

With decades of expertise and experience in environmental and water management, Mr Tan serves on several advisory panels, including the Environment & Water Technologies International Advisory Panel (EWT-IAP), the Centre for Water Research at National University of Singapore, the Clean Water Programme at Nanyang Technological University as well as the Keppel Technology Advisory Committee. Mr Tan is also the chairman of the nominating committee for the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, a prestigious international water award to recognise outstanding contributions towards solving the world's water problems.

Mr Tan's invaluable contributions make him a truly deserving winner of the President's Award for the Environment 2007.

Appendix III

PROFILE ON PROFESSOR LEO TAN

Professor Leo Tan is well-known for his environmental and nature contributions. As Chairman of NParks between 1998 to June 2007, his leadership has helped NParks to grow from a green infrastructure builder to a provider of exciting lifestyle and recreational experiences amidst Singapore's parks and greenery. Prof Tan has helped elevate the vision of Singapore as a Garden City to that of a City in a Garden and under his tenure, one significant project initiated is the 101-ha Gardens by the Bay.

Prof Tan has made many significant contributions in nature conservation and marine biology education. Through his championing of the conservation of the ecosystems at Labrador, the park was re-designated as the protected Labrador Nature Reserve. A hands-on leader, he initiated numerous reforestation projects. Today, a thriving mangrove community lives in Pulau Semakau as a result of his expertise contribution.

Amongst his scores of illustrious accolades, Prof Tan has chaired the SGP2012 Environment and Public Health Focus Group, the Evaluation Committee of EcoFriend Award and the Advisory Committee for the National Weather Study Project. As Chairman of the National Council Committee for the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA), Prof Tan is relentless in educating the younger generations and rallying them towards environmental conservation. He has also actively helped NParks to forge links and partnerships with local NGOs in environmental conservation programmes.

Prof Tan's dedication and commitment to protecting the environment serve as an excellent example to the aspiring ones who want to make a difference.

Appendix IV

PROFILE ON CITY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

A pioneer property developer in Singapore, City Developments Limited (CDL) has been incorporating sustainable business practices and promoting green outreach programmes to safeguard our environmental heritage as an integral part of its corporate social responsibility management since the late 1990s.

Now, eco-friendly features such as energy saving lights, pneumatic waste disposal system and multiple recycling corners have become the cornerstone of all of CDL's residential developments. CDL is also developing City Square Mall, Singapore's first eco-mall, which has the honour of being the first commercial project to receive the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award.

Beyond building and managing properties with environmental sustainability in mind, CDL has gone the extra mile to influence its consultants and contractors to do their part for the environment. The Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Policy was established in 2003 to help CDL monitor the environmental impact at the worksite, as well as to influence its entire value chain to adopt eco-friendly practices through its 5-star EHS Audit Programme.

Recognising the importance of engaging the community, CDL has been actively supporting governmental agencies, NGOs, the youth, and the community at large to promote environmental awareness. With initiatives such as Project Eco-Office and Let's Live Green, CDL is committed to conserving the environment through the cultivation of eco-friendly habits both at work and at home.

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

MEMBERS OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The award recipients were selected by an Evaluation Committee consisting of prominent individuals in the 3P sectors (i.e. People, Public and Private) in the environmental arena:

Chairman

Assoc Professor Simon Tay
Chairman, National Environment Agency

Members

- Mr Charles Chong, Chairman, Government Parliamentary Committee for National Development and the Environment;
- Mr Heng Chiang Meng, Chairman, Singapore Environment Council;
- Ms Olivia Lum, President, Singapore Water Association;

Mrs Rosa Daniel, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources