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Three outstanding pacesetters in sustainable development will be receiving the President's Award for the Environment from President S R Nathan today. They are Commonwealth Secondary School, National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council and STMicroelectronics Private Limited.

2 The award is the highest accolade in Singapore that recognizes individuals, organizations and companies for their significant contributions to Singapore's efforts in achieving environmental sustainability.

### *Award Winners*

3 **Commonwealth Secondary School** is a leader in environmental education programmes amongst schools in Singapore. Designated as the West Zone Centre of Excellence for Environmental Education, the school is among the first to introduce a structured programme for environmental education. Its efforts have produced students with a keen interest in green issues, and some have become good environmental stewards both in school and the community. Commonwealth Secondary will be the first school to receive this prestigious award from the President.

4 The **National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council** has been engaging and educating youths on the importance of environmental protection and nature conservation since 1992. The council has built up a strong network of youths, most notably from its Gold Award Holders Alumni (GAHA), many of whom have demonstrated passion and stewardship in the environmental field.

5 **STMicroelectronics Pte Ltd**, the world's fifth largest semiconductor company, is a forerunner in embracing sustainable business practices and promoting environmental protection to its stakeholders. By the early 1990s, the company had made voluntary environmental reporting an integral part of its Corporate Social Responsibility policy.

The company has made significant investments in environment-related projects, achieving impressive results in energy, water and resource conservation.

STMicroelectronics will be the first MNC to receive this prestigious award from the President.

### *Award Ceremony*

6 The Award Ceremony will take place at The Istana on 13 October evening. About 120 guests from the people, public and private sectors are expected to attend the event.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mewr.gov.sg/presidentsaward>

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