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Three outstanding environment champions will be receiving the President's Award for the Environment from President S R Nathan at an awards ceremony at the Istana on 2 June 2011. They are Dr Tan Wee Kiat, SMRT Corporation Ltd and Woodgrove Secondary School.

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

Award Recipients

3 **Dr Tan Wee Kiat** is a visionary in promoting the environmental conservation agenda. Pivotal in uniting the local conservation NGOs in the 1990s and developing the green spaces in Singapore, Dr Tan's illustrious green career includes the first CEO of National Parks Board, Chairman of the 20th World Orchid Conference 2011 and CEO of the "Gardens by the Bay" project. Dr Tan's unwavering passion for the natural environment and his deep commitment to environmental conservation and excellence make him an exceptional role model to all who aspire to make a difference.

4 **SMRT Corporation Ltd** is a leading transport provider in Singapore with an admirable track record in environmental sustainability. Its Green Steering Committee headed by its CEO, drives good environmental practices and programmes within and beyond the organisation. From managing the environmental impact of its daily operations, to encouraging employees to go green through innovative staff campaigns, to community-based environmental initiatives, SMRT's effective environmental outreach and commendable track record make it an outstanding role model which other corporate institutions can emulate.

5 **Woodgrove Secondary School** moulds the next generation of environmental leaders through education, service learning programmes and school-wide events. Curriculum-based and hands-on learning form the two pillars of the school's environmental education pedagogy, having incorporated topics on environmental conservation into the education curriculum. Beyond imparting its students with good environmental practices and greening its school compound, Woodgrove also reaches out to the community in the areas of water and nature conservation. The school's beliefs in effecting change in its students and the larger society are qualities that other educational institutes can learn from.

For more information, please visit the [President's Award for the Environment website](#).