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A total of 19 individuals and organisations will be honoured for their outstanding achievements in the area of environmental and water resource sustainability at a joint awards presentation ceremony, the Singapore Environment and Water Awards Ceremony, to be held at the Istana on Friday, 28 September 2012, and graced by President Tony Tan Keng Yam as the Guest-of-Honour.

2. Three distinguished organisational recipients will be receiving the **President's Award for the Environment** from President Tony Tan. This is the highest environmental accolade in Singapore and is being presented for the seventh year since its inauguration in 2006. The recipients this year are HSBC Singapore, Marsiling Secondary School and Panasonic Asia Pacific Pte Ltd.

3. Four individual and organisational recipients of the national water agency PUB's **Watermark Award** and 12 individual recipients of the National Environment Agency (NEA)'s **EcoFriend Awards**, will also be receiving their awards from Ms Grace Fu, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs. Both awards are being given out for the sixth year. *(Please see Annex for full list of award recipients.)*

4. All three awards are being presented at a combined platform for the first time this year, which also coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR). Through the joint awards ceremony, the MEWR Family hopes to elevate the recognition of proactive individuals and organisations who have contributed to Singapore's clean and green environment and also to strengthen emphasis on the fact that the environment Singapore enjoys today is primarily built on a collective partnership and responsibility.

5. "Many individuals, organisations and companies have contributed tirelessly to the clean and green environment we live in today. We must continue to work together, and strive for the best quality of the environment we can achieve for our generations to come," said Minister Grace Fu.

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Award **Recipients**

President's Award for the Environment

1. **HSBC Singapore** has shown two decades of dedication to being an environmental champion, despite the limited opportunities for significant resource conservation within the organisation, given its role as a service provider in the finance industry. Besides managing its own environmental impact through energy and water conservation as well as waste and paper reduction, HSBC Singapore also actively engages the community in its green cause by grooming young environmental leaders in Singapore and involving all

their employees in environmental and CSR efforts. The contributions of their Green Volunteers have reached many conservation projects including Chek Jawa, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and the HSBC TreeTop Walk.

2. **Marsiling Secondary School** nurtures an appreciation of the importance of environmental sustainability in the future generation through a structured and hands-on approach. Under its Environment Education Programme (EEP), entire cohorts of students participate in lessons and projects on environment-related topics. The school is also an ardent supporter of environmental outreach activities, where both educators and students take part in programmes such as the co-adoption of Yishun Pond in 2011. Coupled with the notable measures to reduce environmental footprint within the school compound, Marsiling Secondary School's leadership in environment education has made it an excellent role model for other educational institutions.

3. **Panasonic Asia Pacific Pte Ltd** stood out for its consistent commitment to environmental efforts despite being in an industry that is considered pollutive. The manufacturer's declared aim is to integrate environmental goals with business growth through the development of green products, establishment of environmentally-friendly manufacturing processes and active efforts towards environmental corporate social responsibility (CSR). It has also provided a platform for primary and secondary school students to learn about real-life environmental applications in the Panasonic 'eco ideas' Factory (model factory). Such measures and more have led to its wide recognition as an industry leader in environmental sustainability efforts.

Watermark

Award

4. **Bukit View Secondary School** has gone the extra mile in bringing its outreach programmes beyond their classrooms. The Water Conservation Animation Competition and an annual forum to engage their internal stakeholders to be familiar with the school's water conservation efforts and share them with students, are just some examples. The school also adopts many practical solutions to promote water conservation within the school, like automatic shutoff taps, water thimbles and nozzle sprays in toilets.

5. **Terence Kam** brings his energy and passion in promoting water messages through various events organised by himself and his team. They organised a mass water filtration exercise which involved 1,500 people and received the support of over 14 organisations and schools. In 2008, Terence started the buzz at Jurong Lake with a string of activities after being inspired to spruce up the area as it was undergoing redevelopment. He organises two large-scale projects at the Jurong Lake area every year - the T-Net Club X-Trail Challenge and Community Sports Festival @ Southwest Dragon Boat Competition.

6. **Anchor Green Primary School's** emphasis on building a foundation in eco-consciousness has led them to roll out a slew of initiatives and programmes to encourage student participation. The school developed the ABC Waters Learning Trail @ Sengkang Floating Wetland in 2011, comprising an activity booklet and a large storybook titled Legend Of The Wetlands, which was written and illustrated by its teachers specially for

pre-schoolers. The school also reiterates the water conservation message to its students and staff. Its entire Primary 4 cohort of about 120 pupils and parent volunteers also helped to shape the NEWater Scientist programme by providing feedback during the pilot run.

7. Installing a recycling plant has helped the **Singapore Corporation Of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE)** Laundry slash water use by more than half. With a daily wash load of 42 tonnes of soiled linen, about 430,000 cubic metres (approximately 175 Olympic-sized swimming pools) of water would have been used every year. However, their annual water consumption plunged by up to 55 per cent after they installed the water recycling plant at the laundry in January 2010. Another water conservation project that SCORE, which exhorts its staff to protect the environment “even in their day-to-day life”, has implemented is the Steam Condensate project. Put into practice in October 2011, it helped to halve the 36,000 cubic metres of water that would have been used every year to heat the boilers and generate steam, which was used to wash and dry the linen.

EcoFriend

Awards

8. **Ms Masayo Hada**
Asia Pacific Regional Environmental Management Group Manager
Ricoh Asia Pacific Pte Ltd

Ms Masayo Hada’s efforts in promoting environmental efforts led Ricoh to be the first private organisation to earn the Singapore Environment Council’s Eco Office certification. She also personally headed the implementation of the Eco Action Day to encourage corporate organisations to go green at least one day a year. As a passionate environmentalist, Ms Hada worked closely with the Nature Society (Singapore) to bring volunteers from Ricoh to work on the Butterfly Trail @ Orchard project.

9. **Mr Tan Hang Cheong**
Principal Singapore Polytechnic

Mr Tan Hang Cheong is the driving force behind numerous environmental initiatives in Singapore Polytechnic such as the Car-Free Day, the online carbon footprint calculator and the Green Buddy Awards. He also formulated a five-year Green Master Plan to transform the polytechnic into an eco-friendly and green campus.

10. **Ms Tan Pau Cheng**
Brownie Branch Guides Commissioner
Girl Guides Singapore

A firm believer of the green cause and an advocate of early learning, Ms Tan Pau Cheng played an instrumental role in the introduction of environmental components into

the test clause of the Chief Commissioner's Badge Award. This motivates Brownies to actively practise their 3Rs knowledge in their daily lives as they worked to achieve the award. She also organised several environmental workshops for Brownies to equip them with essential public health and resource conservation knowledge and skills.

11. **Ms Khong Sow Cheng**
Chairperson
Punggol Park Community Centre Women's Executive Committee

As a grassroots leader, Ms Khong Sow Cheng has spearheaded numerous environmental activities to promote eco-friendly lifestyle to residents in her constituency. She also heads the Punggol Park Women Eco-Champions to spread the anti-littering message and educate residents on dengue prevention. As a teacher, she helped forge the collaboration between the Punggol Park Community Centre (CC) and Punggol Primary School to jointly organise environmental activities.

12. **Ms Yee Kai Ling**
Chairperson
Hong Kah North Community Club Youth Executive Committee

Determined to promote environmental issues in the community, Ms Yee Kai Ling worked tirelessly to organise the Hong Kah North's Earth Hour Observance to send an impactful energy conservation message to the residents. She also conceptualised Hong Kah North Green Committee's outreach strategies and initiated various environmental programmes to help raise the environmental awareness among the residents. Her efforts were instrumental to Hong Kah North CC receiving the Green Community Club Award by Singapore Environment Council.

13. **Ms Fuziah Bte Muhamad Taha**
Principal
Fuhua Primary School

Ms Fuziah Bte Muhamad Taha transformed Fuhua Primary School into an educational institution that focuses strongly on inculcating environmental values to the young. By designing sustainable programmes based on values, Ms Fuziah successfully developed her pupils into enthusiastic conservationists who share the "green philosophy" with other children at the orphanage the school adopted. To engage students in promoting nature and resource conservation, she also implemented several green projects such as the Garden in a Bottle, Green Audit and the Wetland projects.

14. **Mr See Boon Tiam**
Teacher
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

Mr See Boon Tiam has been inspiring many young minds to make a difference to the environment. Over the years, he has spearheaded several environmental projects in

the school, such as the Rooftop Garden, Protoplast Culture Laboratory and the Energy Trail. He also worked with Fairfield Methodist School (Primary) to develop workshops on hydroponics, recycling and DIY food composting for primary school students.

15. **Ms Teng Siew Lee**
Senior Teacher
Compassvale Secondary School

Ms Teng played a critical role in developing environmental education into a focus of her school. She established the Environment Club as a co-curricular activity for students and mapped out the school's environmental education framework and recycling programme. She also fronted various environmental programmes to engage her students, such as the Whole School Recycling programme and the Styrofoam No More movement.

16. **Mr Hu Ching**
Undergraduate Envoy
Bayer Young Environmental

With a strong belief that youths have the potential to positively impact the environment, Mr Hu Ching started the "Things You Can Do!" project to inspire young Singaporeans to take the lead in adopting a greener lifestyle. He was the Chief Facilitator of the inaugural Keep Singapore Beautiful Movement Youth Forum where he led youths to brainstorm for ideas to keep our environment clean and green. As a student with Oxford University, he also organised the Oxford Climate Forum, one of the largest climate change conferences in the UK for students.

17. **Ms Tan Wei Rui**
Chairperson
National University Students' Union, Students Against Violation of the Earth (NUSSU SAVE)

As an environmental activist, Ms Tan Wei Rui implemented several campus-wide environmental campaigns in NUS such as the NUS Green Carnival 2010 and the Climate Action Day 2011. She also launched and managed the NUS Sustainability Fund that helps kick-start environmental projects in the NUS community. She represented Singapore at the UNEP Tunza Conference in Bandung and was part of the Singaporean team that reached the semi-finals in the ASEAN Youth Debate Competition on Sustainable Development.

18. **Mr Quek Baifeng**
Student
Hwa Chong Institution (College)

Mr Quek Baifeng believes that all Singaporeans need to be principled in their actions and take ownership of the environment. He initiated Operation Revitalise!, a programme that engages primary school students on green issues via an online portal. He

also participated actively at the World Leadership Conference 2009, where he contributed to the development of the position paper on alternative energy sources. He is also the Vice-Chairperson of the Keep Singapore Beautiful Movement Youth Committee.

19.	Ms	Teh	Yi	Ying
Student				
Victoria		Junior		College

Ms Teh Yi Ying has organised several school-wide environmental activities such as the Earth Day commemoration and the Earth Hour Observance. She headed the running of various campaigns in her college to raise awareness of responsible consumption. She has also successfully convinced and campaigned for the college community to use their own reusable lunch containers for takeaways at the canteen.

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