

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The President's Award for the Environment is the highest accolade in Singapore for achievements in the field of environmental sustainability. 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 local endeavours in environmental sustainability and inspire more individuals and organisations to step forward and join in Singapore's effort to tackle our environmental challenges;
- Demonstrate Government's support and appreciation for efforts by the 3P sectors (People, Public and Private) in sustaining our good environment.

Individuals, organisations (NGOs, volunteer groups, grassroots organisations, institutions, public agencies, etc) and companies are eligible for the award.

Individuals nominated must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents and should:

- Possess an excellent environmental track record.
- Demonstrate strong leadership on environmental issues.
- Actively adopt and promote good environmental practices both within and beyond their organisations.

Organisations and companies nominated must be registered in Singapore and should:

- Possess an excellent environmental track record.
- Contribute significantly towards managing environmental impact.
- Actively adopt and promote good environmental practices both within and beyond their organisations.

Further details can be found at: <http://www.mewr.gov.sg/presidentsaward/>

**PROFILE OF
HITACHI GLOBAL STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES (GST) SINGAPORE PTE LTD**

Tracing its roots to the invention of the hard disk drive (HDD) more than 50 years ago, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies (GST) Singapore Pte Ltd today is a vertically integrated HDD supplier which adopts advanced research and technology.

Hitachi GST's efforts to pursue environmental sustainability has earned it various awards - the Singapore Environment Council (SEC)'s Singapore Environmental Achievement Award in 2006, the National Environment Agency (NEA)'s EcoFriend Award in 2008 and the PUB's Watermark Award in 2009.

Sustained environmental measures over the years have helped the company conserve precious resources. Over the last seven years, Hitachi GST has achieved a 62% reduction in water consumption and 58% reduction in energy consumption for each hard disk drive manufactured.

Hitachi GST has also developed strong partnerships with schools and community groups to promote environmental awareness. Since 2004, the company has adopted Unity Secondary, Mee Toh Primary, Raffles Institution (RI) and Anglo-Chinese School-Independent (ACSI) under NEA's Corporate and School Partnership Programme.

Since 2006, the company has collaborated with RI to organise the annual Clean and Green Singapore (CGS) Green game competition. In 2008, the company adopted Bedok Reservoir under the PUB's Our Waters programme and has been working with ACSI to organise clean-up activities.

Hitachi GST's rich experience with environmental issues is also recognised in the private sector. The company is regularly invited to share its environmental experience and best practices with the industry. Companies planning to strengthen their involvement in environmental sustainability have also consulted them directly.

The environmental practices and achievements of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Singapore Pte Ltd serve as an example to other companies — not only in managing the environmental impact of operations, but also in driving environmental causes within and beyond their organisation.

PROFILE OF NAN HUA HIGH SCHOOL

Nan Hua High School is a well-known champion of the environment, having begun its 'green' journey a decade ago. Since 2001, the school has placed great emphasis on raising environmental awareness amongst its students. In 2003, the school introduced the School Total Environment Education Programme (STEEP), which is a framework for its environmental education initiatives. In 2004, the school was conferred the inaugural Singapore Green Plan 2012 Award in recognition of its efforts to inspire its students to care for and protect the environment. The school also received the EcoFriend Award in 2007 and 2008 and Watermark Award in 2009.

Nan Hua High School implemented a four-year environmental programme in 2007 where all students read modules on water, waste management, climate change and public health as part of the school's enrichment programme. Following that, environmental themes were incorporated into English lessons, Project Work, and the Secondary 2 Integrated Science module.

Nan Hua High School also organises the Young Environmentalist Forum, where local students discuss environmental issues with their overseas counterparts. Beyond the curriculum, an annual National Environment Quiz and Games competition is held to raise awareness of environmental issues amongst students.

Since 2004, the school has established a strong partnership with Tetra Pak (Jurong) Pte Ltd under the National Environment Agency's (NEA) Corporate and Schools Partnership Programme. It helped pilot the Tetra Pak drink carton recycling programme in 2007.

Nan Hua High School's community activities range from resource conservation to anti-littering and dengue prevention. Last year, the school began to participate in the South West Community Development Council's anti-dengue programme. This year, the school piloted the enhanced Litter-Free School Programme to support the launch of NEA's anti-littering campaign.

Nan Hua High School's continual efforts to interest and engage both its students and the wider community on environmental issues serve as an inspiration to other educational institutions.

PROFILE OF SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC

Singapore Polytechnic (SP), the first polytechnic in Singapore, is passionate about protecting the environment. It has mobilised the entire campus to help protect the natural environment within its compound and also conducts outreach programmes to the industry and the community. In 2001, the school achieved ISO14001 certification for its environmental management system.

Recognising the importance of environment-related disciplines, SP introduced various full-time and specialist diplomas in environmental and water management. In 2010, a diploma-plus certificate in sustainability was introduced for outstanding students.

InnoVillage, an innovation hub within SP, was set up in 2009. It attained the Green Mark Platinum Award with 80% of its premises constructed using recycled materials. Today, InnoVillage is a collaboration platform for industry partners to work on environment-related technologies and also a learning centre for showcasing these technologies.

Leveraging on its technical expertise and the richness and diversity of its tree population on campus, SP has also developed an innovative learning journey, known as the Heritage Tree Trail, for secondary schools.

Reaching beyond the school's boundaries, SP actively forges partnerships with environmental groups and organises outreach activities to engage the community. In 2009, it led 21 secondary schools to adopt Marina Reservoir and has since been actively working with these schools to keep the reservoir clean. In the same year, it spearheaded the inaugural Singapore International Water Festival, held in conjunction with the Singapore International Water Week, to engage youths on environmental and water issues.

SP's dedication to maintain a green campus and its innovative approach to engaging the community on environmental issues makes it an exemplary role model for other tertiary institutions.

DETAILS ON PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TROPHY

Each winner will receive a trophy which is designed and produced by Singapore's contemporary ceramics artist and Cultural Medallion winner, Mr Iskandar Jalil.

Each trophy is shaped like a watering can to acknowledge the winners' contributions in nurturing Singapore's environment and also symbolizes the importance of water as a precious resource that should be treasured by every Singaporean. The spectrum of earthy, blue and green hues on the trophy mirrors the resplendence of Singapore's natural environment.



MEMBERS OF THE JUDGING PANEL

The Judging Panel for 2010 consists of prominent individuals in the 3P sectors (i.e. People, Public and Private) in the environment sector.

Chairman

- Mr Cedric Foo
Chairman, GPC for National Development and Environment

Members:

- Mr Tan Gee Paw
Chairman, PUB
- Ms Chew Gek Khim
Chairman, NEA
- Ms Isabella Loh
Chairman, Singapore Environment Council (SEC)
- Mr Eugene Heng
President, Waterways Watch Society (WWS)
- Dr Geh Min
Recipient of PAE 2006
- Mr Lam Joon Khoi
Deputy Secretary (Management) , MEWR