

**Media Release – Keppel donates \$270,000 to the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) in support of the School Green Awards**

**31 March 2023** – Keppel Corporation has pledged to donate \$270,000 over three years to the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) in support of the annual School Green Awards (SGA) from 2023 to 2025. This was announced on 31 March 2023 by Executive Director of the SEC, Ms Jen Teo, at the signing of a donation agreement which was held in conjunction with the launch of the 2023 edition of the SEC-SGA. The donation will be made through Keppel Corporation’s philanthropic arm, Keppel Care Foundation.

Mr Ho Tong Yen, Chief Sustainability Officer of Keppel Corporation and CEO of Keppel Care Foundation, said, “Keppel is committed to sustainability, and we are delighted to support the Singapore Environment Council in the organisation of the annual School Green Awards over the next three years. Through the School Green Awards, we can contribute towards empowering the next generation to be sustainability leaders and responsible stewards of the environment.”

The top three categories for the SGA are: **Outstanding Environmental Project Award** – recognising the most innovative environmental projects, **Best 3R Award** – given to outstanding projects that reinforce practices and habits of the 3Rs, and **Vanda Miss Joaquim Sustained Achievement Award** – honouring schools that have attained an overall score of more than 90 percent during the project assessment, for the third year in a row.

“Sustainability is not just a buzzword, but a critical investment in the future of our planet. We are fortunate to have the support of the Keppel Care Foundation. The youths and the teachers participating in the SGA embody the spirit of sustainable innovation, showing that even small changes can make a big impact when we work together towards a common goal. We hope our partnership with the foundation and the schools will inspire others to join us in creating a more sustainable world for generations to come,” Ms Teo said.

The annual SGA, which is celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition this year, honours Singapore’s youths for their contribution in advancing our nation’s sustainability and net zero 2050 targets. It is SEC’s yearly flagship outreach program with the goal of empowering students and faculty in all Singaporean schools to advocate for the environment in a responsible and creative way. In 2022, the SEC received a total of 313 submissions from 287 schools, including pre-schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning, demonstrating the value that young people place on environmental sustainability. An exhibition and an awards ceremony are part of the one-day event.

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