

SEAA's Silver Jubilee Celebrates the transformative Impact of Global Sustainability Leadership

Innovative solutions and environmental leadership take centre stage at the 25th SEAA

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The 25th Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (SEAA) marked a quarter-century of recognising outstanding contributions to environmental sustainability. Presented by the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, Ms. Grace Fu, on 21 Aug 2024, the awards honour organisations that lead the charge in sustainable practices.

Organised by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), the SEAA has, over the years, recognised 149 organisations as sustainability champions. The organisations are assessed on their sound environmental practices and achievements by an expert panel of judges, including Mr. Andrew Gan, President, The Cosmetic, Toiletry & Fragrance Association of Singapore; Ms Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman of Singapore Environment Council; and Ms Josette Soh, Sustainability & Climate Audit & Assurance Partner at Deloitte Singapore.

In a shift from previous editions, this year's awards were categorised by key aspects of Environmental Performance: Systems and Management, Leadership and Advocacy, Innovation and Design, and a newly introduced category in collaboration with Workforce Singapore, recognising excellence in greening the workforce. In addition, this year we are also highlighting the importance of industry and community outreach.

Award Recipients:

● **SMRT Corporation**

SMRT Corporation was honoured with the Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award, the highest recognition among this year's SEAA winners. SMRT also took home awards in the Innovation and Design and Systems and Management categories, standing out for its comprehensive sustainability efforts, innovative designs, and commitment to environmental responsibility and social inclusion. As Singapore's major MRT and second-largest bus operator, SMRT is dedicated to achieving the national climate target of net-zero emissions by 2050. Notable initiatives include the development of green stations and next-generation train control systems aimed at reducing energy consumption. Additionally, SMRT's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, including a million-dollar annual contribution to social causes and the novel Green Learning Trail, further underscores its commitment to nurturing eco-consciousness.

- **Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC)**

OCBC was recognised with awards in both the *Systems and Management* and *Leadership and Advocacy* categories, along with the *Sustainability Workforce Transformation Achievement Award*. Guided by its "ABC" imperatives—Accelerating net-zero transition, Bringing impact to communities, and Conducting business responsibly—OCBC has positioned itself as a leader in sustainable banking. The bank's innovative green financing, comprehensive employee training, and community development investments such as the "Families100 Programme by OCBC" reflect its commitment to transforming its workforce and operations for a greener future.

- **Call Lade Enterprise**

This logistics firm received awards in the *Systems and Management* and *Sustainability Workforce Transformation Achievement* categories. Committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, Call Lade plans to convert 18% of its fleet to electric vehicles by 2026 and is developing a charging hub for heavy vehicles. With department green ambassadors, digital emission tracking, and alignment with national environmental goals, Call Lade is at the forefront of sustainable logistics in Singapore.

- **Rentalworks (SG) Pte Ltd**

Rentalworks (SG) Pte Ltd earned the *Leadership and Advocacy* award for its comprehensive approach to sustainability in IT solutions. Rentalworks champions sustainability through initiatives like ThinkEco Leasing and the ITE Sustainability Lab. By donating refurbished laptops to underserved communities and supporting emerging innovators, Rentalworks leads environmental stewardship in the industry. Rentalworks' dedication to sustainability extends beyond their immediate operations and into the wider community. They have made significant contributions through the donation of refurbished laptops to organisations that help ensure that technology is accessible to underserved communities.

- **Azbil Corporation**

Azbil Corporation was awarded the *Innovation and Design* category for its efforts in redesigning 70% of its services and products to minimise environmental impact. Azbil's integrated support system, built on the "creating value on site" principle, delivers tailored energy management solutions. Their Sustainable Product Label recognises products that meet high sustainability standards, positioning Azbil as a leader in sustainable automation solutions.

- **EverWave GmbH**

EverWave GmbH is the first European organisation to be recognised at the SEAA for Leadership and Advocacy. This German environmental protection organisation is transforming the fight against global plastic pollution with AI-equipped garbage collection boats and a novel plastic credits system. EverWave's impact spans continents, with long-term clean-up projects in Thailand, Romania, Albania, and Cambodia, setting new international standards in river and ocean conservation. These projects are designed to ensure the sustained cleanliness of water bodies and to foster a culture of environmental responsibility within local communities.

- **Estes Consultancy**

Estes Consultancy, a young yet impactful player in the sustainability arena, clinched the Singapore Environmental Achievement Award for Innovation and Design. Founded in 2022, this consultancy is revolutionising corporate sustainability through its In-house Carbon Footprint Analysis and internal training program. Estes not only champions greenhouse gas reduction within its own ranks but also inspires suppliers and customers to embark on sustainable journeys. Aligning with the Singapore Green Plan 2030, Estes Consultancy exemplifies how even newly established firms can drive significant environmental change, setting a new standard for integrating sustainability into core business practices and influencing broader industry practices.

- **Mr Dennis Chee**

Mr. Dennis Chee, District Councillor at North West CDC and recipient of the national Bintang Bakti Masyarakat (BBM) award, has been instrumental in advancing environmental sustainability within the North West community. As co-chairman of the Green Living Committee, he spearheaded initiatives like the introduction of Green Champions and the expanded coverage of the Sustainability Report. His belief in the power of grassroots projects and collaboration has not only advanced sustainable practices but also inspired the community to contribute to a larger positive impact. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Mr Chee has been honoured with the Community Leader Environmental Recognition award at SEAA 2024, celebrating his dedicated efforts to foster environmental sustainability within the North West community.

Ms Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman of the Singapore Environment Council, commented:

“As we celebrate these outstanding organisations and individuals, we spotlight the crucial role of innovation and perseverance in driving transformative sustainability and regional progress. By acknowledging and honouring these trailblazers, we reinforce Singapore's unwavering commitment to sustainability. This is the 25th SEAA and SEC play a pivotal role in championing these efforts, ensuring the continued push to showcase internationally laudable efforts in greener practices. Together, we are forging a brighter and greener world for generations to come.”

Other winners include:

● **Systems & Management Merit Winners:**

- Azbil Corporation
- Exceltec Property Management
- Nanyang Technological University
- Seatrium Limited

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- Exceltec Property Management
- Maybank Singapore Limited

● **Innovation & Design Merit Winners:**

- Hup Lian Engineering Pte Ltd
- James Cook University
- Seatrium Limited

This diverse group of winners, spanning education, finance, engineering, and property management sectors, exemplifies the widespread commitment to sustainability across industries.

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About Singapore Environment Council

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