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Launch of the Market Collaboration Agreement between TCO Development and Singapore Environment Council

The agreement will promote the adoption of ecolabels for IT products, such as laptops, personal computers and monitors, and encourage companies to adopt sustainable procurement policies.

1. The Singapore Environment Council (SEC; managing the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme) and TCO Development (managing the TCO Certified sustainability certification) has signed an agreement to facilitate the adoption of Singapore Green Labelling Scheme and TCO Certified. The signing ceremony took place at an industry roundtable event on “Sustainability in the IT Sector” and was signed by SEC Executive Director Mr. Cheang Kok Chung and CEO of TCO Development, Mr. Sören Enholm. The signing agreement was witnessed by Ambassador of Sweden to Singapore, Mr. Anders Sjöberg, Assistant CEO Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) Dr Ong Chen Hui, Chairman of TCO Development Mr. Jan Gerlofstig, and SEC Chairman, Ms. Isabella Huang-Loh.

2. This Market Collaboration Agreement (Agreement) is in addition to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between SEC and TCO Development on 3 November 2023 in Stockholm Sweden. The MOU laid down principles of the collaboration between TCO Development and Singapore Environment Council to promote ecolabelling certification. This Agreement focuses on identifying select common criteria between the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme and TCO Certified, and engaging organizations with the intent to (i) raise awareness of the ecolabelling certifications, (ii) deepen understanding of ecolabels and sustainable procurement of IT products, and (iii) advance the use of the ecolabels in relevant IT products procurement, policy and guidelines in Singapore.

3. By working together, SEC and TCO Development seek to encourage businesses, institutions, and government agencies to incorporate sustainability into their procurement decisions. The agreement will provide organizations with better access to certified sustainable IT products, allowing them to reduce environmental impact, and support responsible production and consumption.

4. The IT sector is a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, resource depletion, and electronic waste. Ensuring that IT products meet rigorous environmental and social standards is crucial for addressing these challenges. Certifications like the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme and TCO Certified help businesses and consumers identify products that meet high sustainability benchmarks, covering aspects such as energy efficiency, hazardous substances, circularity, and responsible supply chains. By choosing certified products, organizations can contribute to climate action, reduce their environmental footprint, and align with ESG commitments.

5. Mr. Cheang Kok Chung, Executive Director of SEC, shared: “This partnership with TCO Development marks an important step in promoting sustainable IT practices in Singapore and in the region. By aligning our efforts, we can drive greater awareness and adoption of ecolabels, ensuring that businesses and consumers can make informed purchasing decisions that support sustainability and responsible manufacturing.”

6. Mr Sören Enholm, CEO of TCO Development: “We need to work together toward sustainable IT. This collaboration with SEC supports the use of trusted ecolabels in IT procurement, helping organizations make more sustainable choices by reducing emissions, conserving resources, and managing e-waste while supporting ESG goals.”

About TCO Development

TCO Development is the organization behind TCO Certified. TCO Certified is the global sustainability certification for IT products, empowering IT buyers and brands to make more responsible choices. Criteria are updated every three years and designed to drive social and environmental responsibility throughout the product life cycle. Compliance with all criteria is independently verified.

TCO Certified focuses on addressing key sustainability challenges in climate, substances, circularity, and supply chain responsibility.

For more information, see <https://tcocertified.com/>

About Singapore Environment Council

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) enables businesses in their sustainability journeys through its globally recognised environmental certification programme under the Global Ecolabelling Network. In line with the national targets outlined in the SG Green Plan 2030, SEC focuses on raising public awareness on sustainability issues and fosters capability and capacity building through Public Private People (3Ps) partnership. As a not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation (NGO), SEC is approved under the Institution of Public Character (IPC) which extends tax exemption to donors. As of February 2025, it has standards for 56 product categories and certifies around 4,000 products.

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