

**Singapore Environment Council Welcomes Announcement of Budget 2021  
and Plans for Greening of Singapore for the environment, consumers and the economy**

**Singapore, 17 February 2021** – The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) welcomed the announcements by the Government of further plans to build a green and sustainable Singapore.

Ms Isabella Loh, Chairman of SEC, said, “The initiatives announced in the 2021 Budget and the Singapore Green Plan 2030 signalled a whole-of-Government effort. It is clear these initiatives will now spur the next bound of sustainability in Singapore. This includes enabling businesses to transit towards a low carbon future and accelerating green technology developments and adoption.”

Central to the Green Plan, is the need for innovation and adoption of new technologies like clean energy, effective waste management, and developing sustainable industries, etc, that will generate new jobs and business opportunities. The measures announced in Budget 2021, such as incentives for electric vehicles to green bonds for public infrastructure, will complement this.

The Green Plan and Budget 2021 announcements are timely, as not only do they serve as catalysts in Singapore’s post COVID-19 pandemic recovery, in the longer term, they also further ensure that Singapore is future-ready and resilient for continued growth.

The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is poised and ready to unpack the sweet spots in each of the 5 pillars through its deep experience, in-depth industry knowledge, internationally-recognised green labels and certifications, to help businesses, organisations and communities to deliver against the Green Plan.

In addition, to enable businesses and people on the ground to figure out what must be done specifically to tackle these challenges, a lot more information, education and help are needed. This is where the government can work with the people and the private sectors to jumpstart initiatives, including the issuance of grants and other forms of support, for them to tap on.

Ms Jen Teo, SEC’s Executive Director said, “We are excited by the seriousness of the Budget and the key deliverables. SEC is already preparing and working closely with key industry stakeholders, business partners, trade associations, government agencies, schools and community groups on initiatives such as GreenDNA, Green Manufacturing, Green Finance, Green Procurement, Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) programme, just to name a few, as we drive towards co-delivering on the goals of the Green Plan.”

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Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-profit and non-governmental organisation (NGO). As Singapore's first United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-accredited environmental NGO, we influence the thinking of sustainability issues and coordinate environmental efforts within the nation.

As an approved charity which offers tax exemption to donors, SEC continuously engages all sectors of the community through a range of holistic programmes: such as the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards and the School Green Awards, Singapore Green Labelling Scheme, Eco-Office, Eco-Shop and Eco-F&B. In addition, we have built a pool of committed volunteers under our Earth Helpers programme. Through Training and Education, we provide people in both public and private sectors with the opportunity to develop and harness the awareness, knowledge, skills and tools necessary to protect our environment for a more sustainable future.

Strong partnerships with corporations, government agencies and other NGOs are deeply valued by us – as these partnerships are vital to sustain our programmes for positive change. Over the years, the SEC has strengthened and directed the environmental movement in Singapore.

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