

SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (SEAA) GIVES RECOGNITION TO TOP GREEN BUSINESSES IN ASIA PACIFIC

SEAA makes a return to spotlight green businesses making a difference in the region

Singapore, 23 August 2022 – Eleven organisations across the region are being honoured today for their endeavours in adopting sustainable business practices. The winners were announced at the 23rd Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (SEAA), organised by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC). It was held at Novotel Singapore On Stevens.

Keppel Land Limited was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award this year, for its commitment to improving environmental performance and integration of sustainability in various business and investment decisions. The prestigious award recognises organisations that have excelled in integrating ESG policies within their businesses yielding real environment impact while actively advocating the ESG vision to their employees and the broader community.

Other winners include DBS Bank Limited, Housing Development Board and Orient Overseas Container Line, who brought home awards across categories such as Green Buildings Award, Green Innovations Award, and the Regional Award, respectively. In all, 11 companies across MNCs and SMEs were recognised for their commitment to sustainability.

“Honouring the organisations that have successfully adopted a proactive approach towards managing the environment is a way to provide the industry with a blueprint to model after, with a view towards encouraging such sustainable business practices to become a commonplace within our society,” says Isabella Huang-Loh, SEC Chairman.

Inclusivity to encourage sustainable performance

For the first time, the awards will better recognise SMEs for their environmental efforts. According to the Department of Statistics Singapore, SMEs make up 99 percent of Singapore’s enterprises and employ 70 percent of our workforce. This makes their inclusion even more pertinent, as managing their sustainable footprint will largely impact the nation’s efforts to support the Singapore Green Plan 2030.

“SMEs contribute significantly to our economic growth, both in output as well as providing jobs for many Singaporeans. Collectively, SMEs represent a sizeable part of our economic activities. Our local businesses have a huge opportunity to make a positive impact on Singapore’s climate action, by adopting more intentional sustainability practices in their operations. SMEs that have been honoured today have successfully carried out their environmental responsibilities and excelled in their respective industries,” says SEC Executive Director Jen Teo.

Initiatives paving the way for a greener future

An SME that has shown its commitment to sustainable innovation is N&E Innovations, a biotech start-up committed to offering sustainable solutions to growing problems. Using food waste, they engineered a non-toxic, natural antimicrobial agent – Vi-Kang99. With this, the organisation has managed to valorise up to two tonnes of food waste and reduced the equivalent of 3.8 tons of carbon emissions. Setting some big goals ahead of them, N&E Innovations is targeting to valorise up to 10,000 tonnes of food waste by 2030.

Bringing home the merit award for sustainable innovation is Okada Ecotech Ptd Ltd. Responding to the needs of the pandemic, Okada's R&D enabled them to develop a disinfectant, Bio-X Kleanze, a solution safe for human application. The solution can eliminate up to 99.99 percent of bacteria and virus, including the coronavirus, within two minutes of exposure. Okada ensures that their efforts comply with quality, environmental and system procedures, and guided by ISO standards.

"I am heartened to see these companies, from local to global, doing their part and advocating for a more sustainable future. Through keeping sustainability at the core of their business activities, the award winners have incorporated sustainable management systems and processes to champion the ESG vision. They are also paving the way for their respective industries, and bringing a net positive impact to their customers, partners, and community," says Isabella Huang-Loh, SEC Chairman.

Over the years, SEAA has awarded more than 120 organisations from across the region. Submissions are assessed based on sound environmental practice and achievement, by an expert panel of judges - including Chief Executive of Singapore International Chamber of Commerce Victor Mills, Chairman of Singapore Environment Council Isabella Huang-Loh, and Vice President of Association of Trade and Commerce Gerard Wong.

SEAA 2022 AWARD WINNERS

SEC-SETSCO Green Supply Chain Award	
Merit Winner: Arkema Pte Ltd	
Green Buildings Award	
Winner: Keppel Land Limited	Merit Winner: DBS Bank Ltd
Green Transport Award	
Winner: CMA CGM Asia Pacific Ltd	Merit Winner: ComfortDelGro Corporation Ltd
Green Innovations Award	
Winner (MNC Category): Housing & Development Board	Merit Winner (MNC Category): Equinix Singapore Pte Ltd
Winner (SME Category): N&E Innovations Pte Ltd	Merit Winner (SME Category): Okada Ecotech Pte Ltd
Regional Award	
Winner: Orient Overseas Container Line	Merit Winner: Golden Agri-Resources Ltd
Outstanding Achievement Award	
Keppel Land Limited	

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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 (GEN). 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.

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