

## LEADERS OF THE GREEN ECONOMY HONOURED AT THE 20<sup>th</sup> SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*OOCL wins two awards including the top honour*

*Northwest CDC wins award for its efforts to create a green community*

**Singapore, October 13, 2017:** The greenest companies and organisations in Singapore were honoured today at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (SEAA).

Shipping and logistics company Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL) received not one, but two awards for excellence in environmental practices. OOCL received the top honour - the *Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award* and the *Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Maritime)*.

The SEAA is Singapore's leading environmental award, recognising and promoting sustainable practices in both the private and public sectors. Nominated companies are assessed on their excellent ability to achieve breakthroughs in their contributions towards the development of environmental sustainability through leadership, innovation, procedures and staff training.

The Chairman of the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), Ms Isabella Loh said winning an SEAA is a strong affirmation of a company's environmental stewardship.

"The companies and organisations we honour today are at the forefront of Singapore's drive to become the world's leading green economy."

"While governments can do much, and individuals can do more, it is the corporate sector in Singapore that can do a lot more by using our nation's resources responsibly to minimise the adverse impact on our environment as we grow economically. This year's award winners

have shown a commitment to sustainability by minimising waste, reducing pollution and striving to eliminate the negative impacts of conducting their business.”

“Their efforts have made Singapore a green and cleaner place to live and they deserve our thanks and our congratulations,” Ms Loh said.

### **OOCL WINS TOP HONOUR**

As a winner of two awards including the SEAA’s top honour, OOCL can make a strong claim to be among leading green companies in Singapore.

OOCL is one of the world's largest integrated international container transportation, logistics and terminal companies and one of the most recognized global brands in international trade.

The company has strong environmental systems and procedures and sets clear environmental targets. OOCL has reduced its resource consumption across many environmental parameters and lowered its carbon emissions by 45 per cent, while the use of solar panels has stopped 1250 tonnes of CO2 emissions being released into the atmosphere.

OOCL has adopted new environmentally-friendly designs for its vessels and uses innovative technology to reduce water and fuel consumption.

Mr Wu Pou-Chi, OOCL’s Region Group Head, Taiwan and ASEAN Group, said: “OOCL is pleased to be acknowledged for our commitment and efforts to achieving sustainability objectives by receiving these remarkable awards. Over the years, we have been proactively taking on a leadership role in addressing global environmental challenges. We will continue to push forward with our agenda to further develop our sustainability profile and achieve higher levels of operational excellence.”

## **NORTHWEST CDC WINS PUBLIC SECTOR AWARD**

North West Community Development Council (NWCDC) is the winner of the *SEC-Lee Foundation Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Public Sector)*.

They are the first CDC to receive an SEAA, and the first to publish a Sustainability Report in line with the Global Reporting Initiative's reporting guidelines.

NWCDC has a district-wide, 10-year Eco Plan to empower the community to take on greater environmental ownership.

NWCDC actively promotes green activities among its residents, including establishing a network of 10 eco-trails stretching for 30km.

Mr Allen Ang, NWCDC's Green Living Standing Committee Co-Chairman, said: "Going green is about taking ownership of the environment; being considerate to others; and ensuring a liveable Singapore. Through Green Living @ North West, I am honoured to play an active role in championing sustainability as a way of life, and inspire more stakeholders to join our journey in realising a greener and more gracious North West District."

## THE AWARD WINNERS

### SEC-CDL Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award

- Winner: Orient Overseas Container Line

### SEC-Setsco Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Manufacturing)

- Winner: Pan-United Concrete Pte Ltd

### SEC-CITIC Telecom Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Services)

- Winner: Sunseap Group Pte Ltd
- Merit Winner: SystemNix Technologies Pte Ltd

### SEC-Lee Foundation Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Public Sector)

- Winner: North West Community Development Council
- Merit Winner: Dunman High School

### SEC-MPA Singapore Environmental Achievement Award (Maritime)

- Winner: Orient Overseas Container Line

### SEC Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards (Regional)

- Winner: Chemfab Alkalis Limited

### SEC-Senoko Energy Green Innovation Award

- Winner: Hydroemission Corporation Pte Ltd
- Merit Winner: Housing & Development Board

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## ABOUT THE SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-profit and non-government organisation (NGO). We influence thinking on sustainability issues and coordinate environmental efforts in Singapore.

We are also an approved charity and offer tax exemption to donors. SEC continuously engages all sectors of the community by formulating and executing a range of holistic programmes, such as the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards, Asian Environmental Journalism Awards, School Green Awards, Singapore Green Labelling Scheme, Project: Eco-Office, Project: Eco-Shop and Project: F&B. In addition, we build a pool of committed volunteers under our Earth Helpers programme. Our Training and Education arm provides the people, public and private sectors with the opportunity to develop awareness, knowledge, skills and tools in order to protect and improve our environment for a sustainable future.

Strong partnerships with corporations, government agencies and other NGOs are valued by us. These partnerships are vital for sustaining our programmes, leading to positive action and change. Over the years, SEC has given strength and direction to the environmental movement in Singapore.

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## 新加坡环境理事会简介

新加坡环境理事会（SEC），成立于 1995 年，是非政府组织（NGO），也是非盈利机构。我们致力于推广新加坡可持续发展项目同时协调环境改善事务。

我们是一个获得认可的慈善机构，捐赠者可享有税务优惠。通过举办一系列整体项目如新加坡环境成就奖 (Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards)、亚洲环境新闻奖 (Asian Environmental Journalism Awards)、SEC-星和校园绿化奖 (SEC-StarHub School Green Awards)、新加坡绿色标签计划 (Singapore Green Labelling Scheme)、绿化办公室计划 (Project: Eco-Office)、绿化商店计划 (Project: Eco-Shop) 和绿化餐饮计划 (Project: Eco-F&B)，新加坡环境理事会持续在社会各个领域发挥作用。

通过志愿环保战士 (Earth Helpers) 项目新加坡环境理事会组织了一支队伍协助和改善环境。我们的培训与教学部门旨在提高人民、政府部门及社会各领域的环保意识，知识与技能，并提供相关教材。多年以来，新加坡环境理事会一直支持并引导着新加坡的环保运动，通过与企业、政府机构和其他非政府组织建立密切的合作关系以更积极的行动达成改善环境的远景，这对于我们项目的可持续发展是至关重要的。