

OUTSTANDING GREEN EFFORTS BY SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Close to one million students, educators, and members of public have been positively impacted by the award initiatives

Singapore, 12 November 2019: The SEC-StarHub School Green Awards (SGA) have engaged close to 1 million students, educators, and members of the community to raise environmental awareness. It is organised by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), which was accredited to the UN Environment (UNEP) in 2018. This is the 19th edition of the SGA, one of the longest running school awards programmes. 2019 is the sixth year the SGA is sponsored by StarHub Ltd.

Collectively, 445 schools registered submissions this year. Together, participating schools have achieved tremendous results. Close to 400,000 students and teachers from participating schools reached out to approximately 500,000 members of the community. A record number of 61 schools registered to participate in the SEC-StarHub e-Waste Challenge, which was introduced in 2018.

THROUGH THE **SEC-STARHUB SCHOOL GREEN AWARDS (SGA)**, SEC HAS ENGAGED **1 MILLION** STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



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CLOSE TO **40,000**
KG OF E-WASTE
COLLECTED,
EQUIVALENT TO **4**
SBS BUSES



WATER CONSERVED TO
ACCOMMODATE **33,000**
4-ROOM HDB FLATS
FOR A MONTH
(2015-2019)



ENERGY CONSERVED
TO POWER MORE THAN
5 MILLION SQM OF 4-
ROOM HDB FLATS FOR
A MONTH
(2015-2019)



PAPER CONSERVED
EQUIVALENT TO **980**
TREES
(2015-2019)

Over the last five years, collectively schools achieved tremendous results in terms of resource savings that has translated to a reduction of 380,000* tonnes in gHG emissions which contributes to Singapore’s target to reduce its gHG emissions by 36% by 2030.

“Young students of today are leaders of tomorrow. They are key to Singapore’s future environmental sustainability. Nurturing students through education at a young age sets the foundation towards advancing the climate change agenda in the long-term. Together we can make a huge impact for a greener Singapore. We hope through the SGA programme, students will develop a deeper appreciation, and understand the importance of caring for the environment through the actions of reducing and recycling. Congratulations to all the participating schools for your achievements at the SEC-StarHub School Green Award,” said Ms Jen Teo, Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council.

| Resource | Amount conserved | Equivalent to |
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| Energy | 4,617,855 kilowatt hours | The energy required to power 11,545 4-Room HDB flats for a month |
| Paper | 2150 reams | 82 trees |
| E-Waste | 39,053 kilograms | The weight of about four SBS buses |
| Water | -71,367 Cu m used | Equivalent to 28 Olympic sized swimming pool. |

The e-waste recycling drive by the 61 schools topped the previous year at 3,411 kilograms vs 1,161 kilograms in 2018. The total e-waste recycling drive by all 445 schools weighed close to 40,000 kilograms. This is the equivalent of four SBS buses.

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¹ Reduction in GHG emissions is estimated based on savings in electricity, water and paper consumption vis-à-vis Singapore’s 2015 target to reduce emissions by 36% from 2005 levels by 2030.

“StarHub champions a Sustainable Singapore,” said Ms Veronica Lai, Chief Corporate Officer of StarHub. “The School Green Awards is a fun way to engage our students and to sow seeds of awareness, that will hopefully grow into lifetime positive environmental habits. As a key partner of the e-Waste Challenge, we are also pleased to be an advocate for e-waste recycling and to promote responsible consumption and production.”

As part of learning for students about green initiatives, SEC in collaboration with NTUC Fairprice will take the top 25 schools with the highest amount of e-Waste collected to FairPrice Sustainability Learning tour, a guided trail to NTUC FairPrice green stores.

The top schools also received honorary awards, where Minister for Education and Guest-of-Honour Mr Ong Ye Kung officiated the SGA proceedings and presented awards to deserving schools at the NUS University Cultural Centre.

OUTSTANDING OUTREACH AWARDS

Seven schools received SGA’s top honours this year: the Outstanding Environmental Outreach Project Award. As part of assessment criteria, students were required to become ambassadors for the environment. They developed outreach programmes in their communities to promote a Sustainable Singapore. This year’s winners are as follows:

| Education Level | Name of School | Description |
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| Special Education | Minds Woodlands Gardens School | Raised awareness of biodiversity as well as flora and fauna among staff and students. Shared tips with mainstream schools and kindergartens on setting up of Butterfly Garden. |

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| | | Students were instilled with the practice of litter picking and clearing of trays. |
| Pre-School | Between Two Trees (Holland) | Conducted recycling efforts namely collection drive of pre-loved items, used beverage cartons, plastic snack containers, and gently worn/ new shoes donated to Its Raining Raincoats, Green Sproutz Singapore, Project bECOMe, and Million Lighting (Singapore) respectively. |
| Primary School | Wellington Primary School | Focused on paper waste and created a pop-up book using upcycled materials. Set up booths in school and at Sembawang Library to engage other students and parents in learning about upcycling and the 5Rs: Replant, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. |
| Secondary School | Pei Hwa Secondary School | Aligned project with the theme, Year Towards Zero Waste, and decided to combat climate change. Pledged 10 trees to the |

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| | | Plant-A-Tree Programme organised by NParks. Raised funds for Plant-A-Tree Programme during Community Day, and sold terrariums to increase awareness and importance of biodiversity. |
| IHLS | Republic Polytechnic | Reached out to residents in need with energy and water-saving tips following an energy audit project. Aided multiple families in saving up to 20% in water consumption and 10% in energy consumption. Students worked with needy families over a period of three to four months to understand their energy and water consumption behavior and provide brochures, tips, water-saving kits, devices, and alternatives for reducing consumption. |
| Junior College | National Junior College | Undertook outreach efforts to educate the community and schools about its vermicomposting programme. Collaborated |

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| | | with public and private sectors for a research project to understand sustainable food production processes. |
| International | Global Indian International, East Coast Campus | Aerobic compost making project was undertaken in the school. The teachers conducted aerobic composting workshop during assembly and was invited to conduct aerobic composting workshop by other school. |

In all, outreach efforts this year reached close to 1 million people, or about 16% of Singapore's population. Community outreach programmes included outstanding environmental outreach projects, and their projects.

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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 thinking of sustainability issues and coordinate environmental efforts in the nation.

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: Eco-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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