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CEO'S MESSAGE



Mr Lee Yuen Hee

It is so easy for us to take our environment for granted. Most people would not even think twice to waste that extra plastic bag or drop that piece of litter.

However, there are others who cherish and contribute to the preservation of our precious earth in small and big ways. They deserve recognition for their efforts. This is the driving force behind the National Environment Agency's (NEA) EcoFriend Awards.

The purpose of the EcoFriend Awards is to recognize individual Singaporeans committed, not only to help raise public awareness of environmental issues, but to take ownership and action in achieving environmental sustainability.

The 15 recipients of this year's inaugural EcoFriend Awards are a strong evidence that we have amongst us, many environmentally committed individuals in Singapore.

These recipients were chosen from a strong field of 167 nominees, representing a broad spectrum of society - the private sector, the public sector, non-government and

grassroots organizations, educational institutions. The common thread that links these recipients is that they are all role models who have a passion to protect our environment, and have spent considerable time and effort to care for, promote and enhance our clean and green environment. Their accomplishments not only directly benefit the environment, but also serve to inspire others to appreciate and care for it as well.

NEA is delighted to have this opportunity to recognize their hard work and achievements. The stories of their environmental journeys are captured in this booklet.

I would also like to make special mention of all the nominees. They, too, are winners for the environment as their contribution and efforts create a positive impact for Singapore and also to the world at large. We are grateful for their contribution to our environment.

Let's all celebrate with the inaugural batch of EcoFriend Awards recipients!

INTRODUCTION

Over the last few years, the National Environment Agency (NEA) has seen a growing increase in the number of proactive individuals such as educators, students, youth and volunteers in the community, as well as the people, private and public sector organizations, who have contributed selflessly to the environment. The EcoFriend Award was developed by NEA to give recognition and encouragement to these individuals.

There are five categories in the EcoFriend Awards - Private sector, Public sector, Educational Institutions, Volunteers from Non-Government and Grassroots Organizations, and Youth and Students. The categories are aimed at covering a broad representation of individuals from the wider community, as well as acknowledging the special challenges found in each category.

NEA received an overwhelming response to the call for nominations for the EcoFriend Awards. The inaugural EcoFriend Awards Ceremony year will see 15 outstanding individuals recognized for their achievements.

For more information, do visit the Awards website at:

<http://www.nea.gov.sg/ecofriend>



Private Sector Category



MR KWONG KOK CHAN

General Manager (Env, QA & Special Projects) Senoko Power

Kok Chan attributes his enriching life journey and passion for the environment to his CEO Mr Roy Adair, his wife and his colleagues. Holding the view that environmental care and sustainable business can positively co-exist, he is the key person implementing the Senoko Power's environmental strategy with programmes to broaden public awareness of the impact of climate change. His hope is for Singapore to create and export carbon-free NEWEnergy technologies to other countries.

Achievements:

- Responsible for Senoko Power's adoption of the most number of schools (target 15) by a company under NEA's Corporate And School Partnership (CASP) programme (formerly the Adopt-A-School Programme)
- Responsible for the implementation of the iconic National Weather Study Project
- Senoko Power was awarded the SGP2012 Green Plan Award in 2005
- Is the prime mover in providing educational talks on Climate Change to 240 schools and regional libraries by Senoko Power staff
- Helped Senoko Power collaborate with business partners such as Switzerland's Alstom Power on environment projects with the adopted schools
- Engaged primary school, secondary school, junior college and polytechnic students and teachers with educational visits and vocational attachments with Senoko Power
- Shared CSR best practices with other companies at NEA's Environment Champion workshops
- Helped promote environmental awareness among other power generation companies

Private Sector Category

MR ONG LYE HUAT

Safety, Health, Environment & Hygiene Manager Tetra Pak Jurong Pte Ltd



Tetra Pak's commitment to the environment through its use of renewable resources, design for environment concept, recycling initiatives as well as good corporate citizenship has, in the past years, deeply immersed Lye Huat in helping to save the Earth. He believes eco-work can positively contribute to society and even reduce operational costs for businesses. His recycling efforts at Tetra Pak have potentially diverted about 500 tonnes of beverage cartons per year from the disposal facility. Always keeping news articles on environmental causes, Lye Huat hopes he'll soon see a breakthrough in the use of green energy in Singapore and the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

Achievements:

- Actively works with NEA on Tetra Pak's involvement in the Singapore Voluntary Packaging Agreement
- Helped set up the recycling of Tetra Pak cartons or used beverage cartons by partnering with four Public Waste Collectors, NEA and a Malaysian paper mill
- Rolled out a pilot beverage carton recycling scheme to 180,000 households in Woodlands and Yishun which later extended to other areas under the National Recycling Programme
- Due to his effort, potentially about 500 tons of beverage cartons can be diverted away from disposal facilities and recovered for recycling per year
- Drives Tetra Pak's support for waste minimization and recycling events including educational booths and prize sponsorships for Recycling Day and Go Green Day at Temasek Junior College and Tampines Central Ministerial Community Visit

Public Sector Category



MS TAI JO FEN
Environmental Engineer Land Transport Authority

Inspired by the simplicity of life, with fond childhood memories in the green splendour of Kent Ridge Park, Jo Fen believes that her care for the environment is an attitude towards life and not deemed as extra work. As the LTA's pioneer environmental engineer, she enthusiastically unearths and champions practical steps to reduce the human ecological footprint on this planet. Her wish is for our local leaders to spearhead speedier policy changes in sustaining our resources and the environment.

An adventurer at heart, she enjoys baking, nature walks and picking up new hobbies like painting and inline skating.

Achievements:

- Helped to develop the strategic framework to promote best environmental practices such as pollution control and environmental health at LTA development works
- Assisted LTA in attaining PUB 'Friends of Water' recognition for environmental system established for development work
- Launched LTA's guidebook on Best Environmental Management Practices
- Instrumental in increasing awareness of environment issues among staff at LTA and LTA's contractors
- Garnered support from NEA, PUB, NParks, Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) and Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) for LTA's first Corporate Environmental Protection Seminar
- Appointed as Bayer's Young Environmental Envoy (Singapore) in 2003
- Introduced Construction Environmental Award scheme for LTA's contractors
- Winner of the Eco-Innovate (Singapore) Award in 2003
- Participated in National Innovation and Quality Circle Convention (NIQCC) 2006 and 2007. Won Gold Award (2006) and Star Award (2007) for LTA's environmental projects

Public Sector Category



MRS ROSALIND TAN

Senior Executive, Operations Department
(Retired Chief Occupational Therapist) Alexandra Hospital

Rosalind's interest in nature and plants was sowed in her youth. This later blossomed into a keen concern for the environmental quality of our city state, undoubtedly encouraged by her eco-conscious architect husband. She hopes the Alexandra Hospital (AH) garden will be preserved as a permanent open park together with others, to attract more butterflies to our Garden City. Her call to the world is "No more man-made forest fires!"

Her spare-time therapy includes jaunts to nurseries, nature reserves and gardens around the world, while picking up new tips on plants and butterflies.

Achievements:

- Led the landscaping design of various theme gardens with the help of AH staff and volunteers - AH has since won several environmental awards:
 - Hospital with Healing Garden certified ISO 1400 in 2002
 - Winner of Environmental Achievement Award in 2002
 - First prize winner in the 2005 Community in Bloom Award (Other organizations category)
- Encouraged AH staff to take environmental ownership by devising various schemes such as the Adoption Scheme, Staff Gardening Day, educational talks and visits
- Organised AH staff to help other organizations in sprucing up their gardens, including:
 - Alexandra Village in October 2002
 - Blangah Rise Primary School in 2003
 - Mun Fatt Tong Nursing Home in 2004
 - Kwong Wai Shiu Nursing Home in 2005
 - Institute of Mental Health in 2006
- Actively involved in the planting of 100,000 native plants for the South West Community Development Council
- Initiated 'learning-by-doing' sessions at AH's gardens for schools, such as Methodist Girls' School, as part of their Community Involvement Programme (CIP)
- Created the AH "Zoo Toilet", a 5-Star Award Toilet, visited by hundreds of organised student groups sent by The World Toilet Association

Non-Government Organisations and Grassroots Volunteers Category



MR WILSON ANG

President Environmental Challenge Organisation (Singapore)

Wilson is the founder and President of the Environmental Challenge Organisation (Singapore), also known as ECO Singapore. The organisation was established on 7 January 2003. It has since expanded with an outreach of empowering more than 2,000 youths and educating up to 60,000 members of the public, all geared to doing their part to protecting the environment. Though he has been involved in volunteer work since the age of 9, his awareness on environmental issues was ignited after he attended the ASEAN Youth Forum on the Environment in 2000. Subsequently, his trip to the United Nation's World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002 inspired him to take on the path of the environment as the focus to make the world a better place.

Wilson believes that the only way to create a better planet for human survivability is for every individual to take responsibility of their own action by being more conscious about the choices in their daily consumption habits. His life mission is "To create and maintain a sustainable lifestyle and culture".

Achievements:

- Shaped the Secretariat for The Asia Youth Environment Network (AYEN) in April 2004 to encourage young Asians to participate in Sustainable Development. In April 2005, along with participants from Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Singapore, the conference discussed the strategic direction of AYEN and organised knowledge sharing systems
- Served in the Singapore Zoo as a Volunteer Docent from 2003 to 2006 to educate the public in the appreciation of wildlife and promote the message of conservation
- Organised the ECO Trail in 2005, an indoor month-long exhibition bringing together 15 environmental groups for the first time to exhibit their good works and respective issues to the 300,000 members of the public who visited the site
- Assisted in EnergyAsia's second and third forums on climate change in 2004
- Propelled the "ECO Youth Champions" Initiative at the National Day Parade 2006 by mobilizing 400 youths to encourage and educate the 60,000 spectators to keep the event litter free
- Initiated the inaugural National Youth Environment Forum (NYEF), 2 September 2006 with over 300 youth participants. The event also brought together 12 NGOs to not only showcase their good works, but come in as co-partners to facilitate the whole forum
- Facilitator for the Singapore Institute Of International Affairs (SIIA) University Seminar 2006 themed "Understanding ASEAN Today To Shape Our Future" on the session topic "The Role of Youth in Raising Awareness on Environmental Sustainability" in September 2006
- Coordinator for "The Campaign 4 An Inconvenient Truth", a two-weekend partnership with Golden Village attended by 1,600 viewers through private bookings and screening sponsorships
- Speaker for the Asia Regional Training Programme on "Networking for Sustainable Development" for the Commonwealth Youths' Programme's seminar themed "Young People and Sustainable Development" on 2nd August 2006 in India

Non-Government Organisations and Grassroots Volunteers Category



MS ANNIE YOUNG GIRI
Volunteer Waterways Watch Society

First introduced to environmental awareness when she joined the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) as a volunteer, Annie now helps as an Education Coordinator for the Waterways Watch Society (WWS). In this role, she has been actively helping the young generation become responsible citizens, and sharing her love for nature with older visitors. Her fondest wish is that the prediction of Singapore being under water in the future will not come true, because the world community would have addressed the issue of global warming in time to avert this disaster. Annie's personal environmental advice is for people to continuously keep Mother Nature in mind in their daily lives, to be mindful of their way of life so that humanity can sustain itself and the earth better.

Achievements:

- Organised and promoted Waterways projects and programmes to schools, corporations, associations and foreign visiting groups
- Involved in beach clean-up sessions and WWS Patrols (boat and bike) that offer participants a firsthand experience to witness, pick and dispose everyday litter items polluting the waterways
- In WWS, she helps to roster volunteers as WWS holds ongoing weekday school programmes and weekend events
- She is a registered nature guide, volunteering in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Chek Jawa, Pulau Ubin, Lower Pierce Boardwalk and the Botanical Gardens

Non-Government Organisations and Grassroots Volunteers Category



MR RAJA MOHAN
Organising Chairman Hougang Constituency

A wake-up call during the SARS outbreak in 2003 jolted Raja into volunteering for Singapore's OK (SOK) Campaign for his community. He desires to see our children grow up in a clean, healthy environment that is free of disease. Till today, he remains active either as the organising chairman or committee member for a host of events held throughout each year in the Hougang Constituency.

Even in his spare time, Raja continues to spread the word on good hygiene practices at the local coffee shop or at schools. He thanks his mentor Mr. Eric Low Siak Meng, BBM, Adviser to Hougang Grassroots Organisation, for inspiring and motivating him.

Achievements:

- Implemented Community Dengue Awareness programmes covering 11 activities in 2005 and 2006 including a Dengue Puppet Show for kindergartens, Dengue Walk the Talk, Dengue talks in Tagalog, Bahasa Melayu and Tamil for homemakers and maids, the Bamboo Pole Holder home drive, Mozzie 10-minute, 5-step Workshop, talks at Hougang Polyclinic, senior citizens' corners and Residents' Committees, exhibitions at block parties as well as house visits to distribute NEA kits
- Participated in SOK programmes including SOK Toilet, SOK Construction, SOK Kindergarten, SOK Markets, SOK Condominium and SOK Coffee Shops to encourage residents, food stall operators and kindergartens to observe good hygiene practices
- Established the Hougang Environmental Network of local schools, the Market Association, the Shopkeepers Association, industrial estate operators, polyclinics, private estates, condominiums, the Boy Scouts and various religious groups to help monitor the cleanliness of public areas and alert NEA or relevant agencies on issues on housekeeping and public irregularities
- Launched the Rat Attack scheme to regularly patrol the constituency for rat sightings and report issues to relevant agencies
- Spearheaded the Green Ribbon Initiative that engages students to promote good public health practices among the youth, and provide counseling and guidance for youth misbehaviour such as spitting, littering, public urinating, failure to pick up dog poo and cat abuse
- Compiled the "Going Green" Booklet which was given to residents, schools and 3P colleagues
- Organised nature walks in MacRitchie Reservoir for residents
- Recipient of the 2003 and 2006 SOK Awards for the Most Committed Individual Award for the North East District

Non-Government Organisations and Grassroots Volunteers Category



MR TAN KIN TEO

Assistant Secretary Hong Kah North Citizens' Consultative Committee

Kin Teo is recognised as a key initiator of numerous eco-programmes for the Hong Kah North community. What spurred him into creating an environmentally friendly Hong Kah North was an incident in 2002 when he saw an old man collecting empty cans from trash bins and tables. Today, gaining more happy and thankful residents has buoyed Kin Teo's unquenching spirit as he helps residents to reduce water usage by 19%, and needy families gain groceries in exchange for recyclables.

Achievements:

- Initiated the "Environmentally Friendly Hong Kah North" programme to educate residents on the environmental friendly practices of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'
- Helped set up the "Trash for Groceries" recycle exchange where in 2006, the programme collected 36 tonnes of paper, 28 tonnes of clothing, 18,000 pieces of plastic and 9,000 metal cans
- Initiated the "Towards a Water Efficient Community - Hong Kah North" programme, which encourages residents to save water and install water-saving devices in their homes
- Initiated the Water Volunteer Group that conducts house visits to families with high water consumption to educate them on water conservation and assist in installing water saving devices. Also coordinates water conservation exhibitions by PUB at various grassroots events
- Helped out with the "Change-A-Bulb@South West" programme with house visits to Bukit Batok Block 369 and 370 to encourage the use of energy saving bulbs
- Helped form the Singapore's OK Committee to promote environment cleanliness and hygiene in housing estates with anti-SARS, anti-dengue and "My Environment Shines" projects
- Organised outings to parks, nature reserves and water works for residents to appreciate our natural environment. This included picnics at Pasir Ris Park, Labrador Park and visits to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, the Tree-Top Walk, the NEWater Visitor Centre and the Active, Beautiful and Clean Water Programme Exhibition

Educational Institutions Category

MR CHIA YEW LOON

HOD Community Relations Nan Hua High School

In 2000, Yew Loon was alarmed by the dire news on the damage to Mother Earth splashed across newspapers and magazines and it touched his heart. It made him realise that it would be the next generation who would receive the greatest impact of the deteriorating earth. Yew Loon appreciates the empowerment and trust from his school leaders as he maps out environmental programmes for the school and the community. His wish is for Singaporeans to strive for a cleaner and greener nation because they believe in the cause and not because of their fear of fines and penalties. In his free time, community work still figures prominently as he feels there is much more he can contribute to the society and the environment.

Achievements:

- Organised the annual National Environmental Quiz held in conjunction with Earth Day, for primary and secondary schools. With over 300 participants, the 2007 Quiz also included a prize presentation ceremony held at Pulau Ubin, where students participated in a nature trail walk
- Initiated the Young Environmentalist Forum, an annual forum of the Nan Hua International Summer Camp, which involved local youths and representatives from countries such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand
- Started the Children's Environmental Art Competition, a nationwide competition for all primary schools with the objective of allowing young children to express their concern for the environment through drawing
- Under his care, Nan Hua High School has achieved the Sustained Lotus Award since 2004 and was also awarded the inaugural Singapore Green Plan 2012 Award in 2004
- Encouraged other EEAs in their environmental efforts by sharing his achievements and experiences at EEA Networking sessions
- Has developed an environmental module for his school with plans to introduce the EE module to other schools if proved successful
- Attached to NEA under the Ministry of Education's Teacher Work Attachment programme and helped to review programmes and propose new ideas to further engage youths
- Involved his students for internship with NEA so that they can gain a better understanding of the environmental arena
- Led a team of students in NEA's Bring Your Own Bag Day campaign to explain to consumers the need to use recycled bags and conducted surveys
- Sits on several external committees to promote and spearhead environmental initiatives including the Environment & Health Functional Committee in South West CDC
- Judge in annual 3Rs Award competition and represented in organizing committees in grassroots (environment) events

Educational Institutions Category

MRS **TEO KHIN HIANG**
NEE LEE WAI TAI

Principal Commonwealth Secondary School



While studying in London in the late 70s, Wai Tai experienced black soot deposits on her clothes each time she traveled on the London Tube. It made her acutely aware of the air pollution and damage to the planet. She believes educators can do more to impact pupils and colleagues to be proactive in the Green Movement. At Commonwealth Secondary, Wai Tai has initiated and guided many environmental programmes for the school and the community. Her wish is for Singaporeans to adopt recycling as a way of life. Much of her time outside school is immersed in nature at the Botanic Gardens or national parks around the world.

Achievements:

- Propelled the designation of her school as a Centre of Learning for Environmental Education for the West 7 cluster of schools in 2007, and led the ramp-up of Commonwealth Secondary's efforts to spread the green message to other schools in Singapore
- Invited to share on the school's green initiatives at the NEA's Environmental Education Advisors Networking sessions
- Initiated an Environmental Education Seminar in May 2007 for one hundred thirty five teachers from primary to junior college levels
- The school, as the Centre of Learning for Environmental Education (EE), developed an EE module that spread across the entire subject syllabus and is scheduled to launch in July 2007
- Led the organisation of the annual National Inter-Primary School Green Competition (since 2006) to raise environmental awareness and promote creativity in the use of recycled materials among students
- Encouraged and supported the school's participation in nation-wide environmental programmes and competitions such as the Singapore Environment Council's Sustained Lotus Award, Environmental Fashion Show Competition, Mr & Miss Teen Environment Competition and NEA's Bring Your Own Bag campaign
- Collaborated with private companies such as Olympus Singapore Pte Ltd on environmental projects under the NEA's Corporate And School Partnership (CASP) Programme (formerly, Adopt-A-School Programme)

Educational Institutions Category



MR JEFFREY WOO

English and Humanities Teacher: Geography Elective and Social Studies
New Town Secondary School

In 2002, Jeffrey approached his department head with an idea to plan student programmes based on recycling, reusing and reducing waste. The following year he was tasked to head the Environmental Committee at New Town Secondary with the strong support of faculty colleagues and a group of dedicated students. He recognises it is not easy for Singaporeans to change their affluent lifestyles, but thinks it is time for us to dispose of the wasteful attitude on disposability. An avid photographer on his treks and nature hikes, Jeffrey often shows his photographs to his students through which they learn to appreciate nature and understand the harm they may be causing to their surroundings.

Achievements:

- Launched the Environmental Committee in June 2003 and has headed the committee since then
- Organised a 'second hand items' bazaar with a games booth on environmental conservation
- Participated in the Green Audit Award 2004 (obtained Hibiscus Award as a first-time entry), 2005 (Orchid Award) and 2006 (Lotus Award)
- Introduced the annual collection of text and assessment books for reuse by students in New Town Secondary
- Started the "Green Guardians" Environmental Club in June 2003 with a website highlighting key events and environmental messages for students and trained "Class Green Guardians" to champion environmental efforts in their classes
- Coordinated excursions and overseas trips for students to visit recyclables collection and sorting at SembVisy and to learn about eco-tourism and appreciate nature at Pulau Semakau, Sungei Buloh and Batam Nemo Island
- Facilitated interdisciplinary project work for New Town's Secondary 3 students focused on environmental related issues and projects including participation in the Sembawang GreenWave Competition in 2005
- Worked with Ngee Ann Polytechnic in the 'Beautify the Environment' project involving students in a clean up exercise at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve in 2006
- Designed labels and posters to encourage staff and students to reduce waste, save energy and water

Youth & Students Category

MS LEE HUI MIEN
ANGELA

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) & National Youth Achievement
Award (NYAA) - Gold Award Holders' Alumni (GAHA)

A torch for environmental protection coupled with her unrelenting schedule of eco-activities crystallized Angela's decision to carve a career in sustainable development. On her travels, she often marvels at the high level of eco-consciousness in Europe and Japan where civic graciousness is a way of life. It is her wish to see Singapore become the number one global centre of excellence for technologies, processes and products to sustain the use of Earth's limited natural resources. She considers recycling as one of her hobbies, aside from catching up with friends, travelling, sports, bowling and nature walks.

Achievements:

- Served as NTU EarthLink President from 2000-2001, Exco member since 1999
- Served as NYAA-GAHA Exco Environmental Committee Chairperson 2004-2005
- Current NYAA-GAHA Exco Deputy Chairperson
- Initiated and conducted many environmental activities in NTU as part of its EarthLink 7th Executive Committee including the Annual East Coast Beach Clean-up, the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and the Sungei Buloh Nature Hike, the NTU EarthLink - BP Recycling Competition, the NTU Environmental Week 2000, the NTU Recycling Project and Pulau Ubin Nature Rumble
- Represented NTU and NYAA in the annual Clean & Green Week events
- Hosted the NYAA Singapore-Switzerland Bilateral Youth Exchange 2005 for Swiss delegates with the theme 'Youth and the Environment'
- Represented NYAA in several environmental forums, dialogues and youth exchanges on the environment
- Organised the International Water Forum 2005 (Chairperson)
- Cited by Senior Parliamentary Secretary Dr Amy Khor in 2007 as an example of one whose passion for the environment has been made into her career. Angela is currently doing her final year PhD in Sustainable Product Development
- She is the Green Leaf Award Winner 1996, HSBC-NYAA Youth Environmental Award - Winner 2001, Bayer Young Environmental Envoy 2002 and NEA Young Environmental Envoy 2006



Youth & Students Category



MR RAMANATHAN THURAIRAJOO

Ngee Ann Polytechnic & National Youth Achievement
Award (NYAA) Gold Award Holders Alumni (GAHA)

Inspired by his parents since the age of 6, Ramathan used to wonder how he could be the change catalyst to help prevent global pollution from escalating. Having been brought up to count his blessings and pass it on for the next generation, he roped in his friends to kick-start several eco-awareness schemes on the Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) campus. Through various youth development opportunities for environment protection provided by NYAA, Rama has gained a better insight to understanding what he can do to improve the environment around him. His personal motto in saving the planet is to raise environmental awareness, and encourage people to take collective responsibility in minimizing waste. Rama's spare time is spent doing research on eco-related issues and being a volunteer rainforest guide.

Achievements:

- Introduced a recycling programme in his neighborhood by liaising with the Public Waste Collector to place recycling depositories in the area and conduct door-to-door visits to educate residents
- Conducted the PACT Project (Promise to Act against Climatic Threats) which educated students on the present crisis, possible consequences of climate change and other topics such as nature conservation, energy conservation, water conservation & waste minimization
- Organized the "Gearing NP for our Environment" Workshops as a result of which various departments and schools formed small scale green and environment-related clubs
- Organized exhibitions which showcased reusable and recyclable products during NP's open house and the CCA Fiesta
- Conducted recycling of batteries and spectacles as well as the Toh Yi Drive Newspaper & Unwanted Clothes Collection fundraising events for the Chan Su Lan Methodist Children's Home
- Mobilized all representatives from the various NP Schools and Divisions to collect recyclable waste paper during Campus Green Day 2003-2004
- Manned the booth as a Green Volunteers Network (GVN) Volunteer and explained the Climate Change Awareness Programme at the 2006 Launch, which featured an exhibition on the best energy saving habits at home and the effect of global warming & air pollution to the earth
- Volunteered in setting up and manning of a booth as a GVN Volunteer at the Singapore Garden Festival 2006 to raise awareness on the crisis faced by primates and elephants in the region. Proceeds were directed to building an animal hospital for treating elephants which had lost their limbs to landmine blasts
- Contributed an article to the Ministry of Education Social Studies Activity Book to educate fellow young Singaporeans on their responsibility to protect the environment. The book has already been distributed to all Secondary Schools and included in their lesson plan
- Was the Bayer Young Environmental Envoy 2003, NEA's Youth Environment Envoy 2006, and NYAA's Youth Representative for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Tunza-Southeast Asia Youth Environment Network (SEAYEN). He also won the HSBC/NYAA Youth Environmental Award 2004
- Will be representing NYAA/Gold Award holders' Alumni to North Queensland, Australia to study Climate Change in the Rainforest of Australia under the HSBC/NYAA Earthwatch programme 2007

Youth & Students Category

MR LIM JING KAI

Student Bedok Green Secondary School



Jing Kai's fascination for this beautiful Earth is rooted in his boyhood when his parents frequented parks and reservoirs with him. His drive to protect the environment was later motivated by his teacher Mrs Tang Choon Tien, with his class subsequently collecting more than 1 tonne of newspapers to clinch the Champion Class in a recycling competition. Inspired by Mrs Tang, who recognised his potential, Jing Kai took up the challenge to head the school's Environment Club as its Chairman, and has since helped his schoolmates become more aware of environmental problems. He hopes all countries will cooperate in adopting methods to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to ease global warming.

Achievements:

- He is a student leader for the school's inter-class Recycling Programme from 2004 to 2007
- Makes daily checks on the school's recycling bins and alerts Public Waste Collectors to clear the bins
- He is the Chairman of the Environment Club that organises talks, quizzes, exhibitions and games
- Participated in the Mass Planting at Bedok Reservoir Park organised by the National Parks
- Distributed brochures to Fengshan residents in Clean and Green Week 2004-2006
- Supported activities organised by the Singapore Environment Council from 2004 to 2006
- Volunteered during school holidays in the Clean and Green Week Carnival and the Spot the Green Shopper Contest 2006
- Collated data for the Green Audit Award for his school which won the Palm Award (2005) and Hibiscus Award (2006/2007)
- Recipient of the NEA Environment Champion Gold Badge

Youth & Students Category

MR **TAN LI JIAN**

Student Raffles Junior College



Sporty Li Jian likes to play basketball with his friends when he has a chance to take a break from the numerous school events and Green Earth Club activities he is involved in. His involvement in the club has been increasingly meaningful as he continues to witness the real impact of his efforts on people's lives. He would like to increase public awareness of environmental issues and influence his friends and family to contribute in their own way and capacity.

Achievements:

- Organised the Raffles Institution Jumble Sale 2006 for Earth Day
- Organised Earth Day Programmes for fellow schoolmates
- Initiated the Fuel Cell Car Exhibition featuring a Hydrogen Fuel Cell car by Daimler-Chrysler
- Involved in the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research (RIMB) Service for Nature Workshop, May 2006
- Conducted paper recycling for lower secondary classes
- Introduced 'The Green Game' at Clean and Green Week Schools Carnival 2005-2006
- Designed poster displays for Envirofest 2006 with environmental messages targeted to educate heartlanders
- Shared his ideas on sustainability at Raffles Girls' School
- Conducted a public survey on Environment Awareness
- He is the recipient of the NEA Environment Champion Gold Badge

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