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SOUTH WEST MAKES GREEN A WAY OF LIFE!

- **Eco made easy for individuals, families and the workplace**
- **Bringing more than 200 green sector jobs closer to the community**
- **Newcomer Jurong Port wins South West ECo Award for the first time**

To encourage green living to be part and parcel of everyone's lifestyle, this year's ECo Day Out @ South West will adopt a holistic approach to environment sustainability, making it applicable for the individual, families, and the community. Themed "Green Future: Eco Made Easy", the event will showcase how green living and sustainability can be achievable in every aspect of life.

2 From reducing fashion, food and electronic waste to repurposing recyclables into upcycled crafts, South West residents will see a wide array of green tips and activities at the carnival organised by the South West Community Development Council (CDC). Residents will be able to try out fun and interactive eco-themed activities, such as game stations made from recyclables. Residents will also have the chance to participate in cooking demonstrations where they will learn how food waste can be minimised during

the cooking process, as well as upcycling workshops to create useful crafts out of recyclables.

South West SkillsFuture Advice & Green Career Roadshow

3 To address the blossoming interest in green jobs and to complement the SkillsFuture push to encourage lifelong learning and skills mastery in Singaporeans, employers and training providers from the green sector will showcase job vacancies as well as share insights on what the industry has to offer. The South West CDC is collaborating with SkillsFuture Singapore, NTUC's e2i (Employment & Employability Institute) and Young NTUC to roll out this showcase of green jobs and learning opportunities. More than 200 career opportunities will be on offer, across various fields such as horticulture, arboriculture and cleaning and waste management operations. Residents keen to explore a career in the environmental services industry will be able to glean insights from industry players, as well as apply for job vacancies at the event.

4 "The ECo Day Out @ South West event holds special significance to many residents as we celebrate and applaud the milestones and green achievements we have made together as a community. Over 13 years since the start of this event, more residents have adopted eco-friendly practices and made it part of their lifestyle. Now, they can also consider jobs in the green sector and turn their passion for conservation and the environment into a fulfilling career," Mayor Low said.

5 Mr Bernie Low, General Manager of Prince's Landscape & Construction Pte Ltd, said, "Prince's has been in the landscape services industry for more than 50 years and are continuously committed to adding value to Singapore's green future. There is an upward trend in interest towards green jobs, and it echoes a great potential that this sector offers. It's great to have a roadshow that provides a spotlight on green sector jobs, and we hope to entice more young people to join this kind of industry."

13th South West District Public Health Awards and the 8th South West ECo Awards

6 The South West District Public Health Awards and South West ECo Awards will also be presented at ECo Day Out 2018 @ South West. This year sees a first-time winner in the Corporate Category of the South West ECo Awards, Jurong Port, for its efforts in environmental sustainability and community outreach. These include environmentally sustainable practices such as green construction methods for its berths using recycled cement, and being a paperless organisation, as well as the world's largest port-based solar energy generation facility. Please refer to Annex A for the list of winners.

Power Savers-for-Charity PLUS @ South West

7 The energy-saving challenge Power Savers-for-Charity PLUS @ South West also saw some 25,000 residents pledge to save resources. Since October 2017, volunteers from schools, grassroots organisations and SP Group have brought energy-saving awareness to the community through roadshows, school visits and a dedicated microsite. To affirm the residents' pledges to save energy and cost, the South West CDC and SP Group are donating \$100,000 towards underprivileged residents in the district. This initiative builds on Power Savers-for-Charity @ South West in 2016, where South West residents saved enough electricity to power 160 three-room flats for a month, and raised \$50,000 for charity.

8 The South West District's annual environment and recycling drive, **ECo Day Out 2018 @ South West** is organised by the South West CDC, together with National Environment Agency (South West Regional Office), Bukit Gombak Grassroots Organisations (GROs), and Hong Kah North GROs. The event will be graced by Guest of Honour, Senior Minister of State Dr Amy Khor, and hosted by Mayor of the South West District, Ms Low Yen Ling.

9 Into its 13th year, ECo Day Out 2018 @ South West will see residents redeeming groceries such as rice and packet noodles in exchange for their recyclables. The district has collected close to 750 tonnes of recyclables over 13 years since its launch in 2006.

10 Details of the event are as follows:

Event : ECo Day Out 2018 @ South West

Date : Sunday, 21 January 2018

Time : 8.30 am – 12.00 pm (**Media is invited at 8.35 am**)

Venue : Hong Kah North Community Club
30 Bukit Batok Street 31
Singapore 659440

Guest of : Dr Amy Khor

Honour : Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and
Water Resources and Ministry of Health

Host : Ms Low Yen Ling
Mayor of South West District

11 We would like to invite your reporter and photographer/TV crew to the **ECo Day Out 2018 @ South West**. Interviews can be arranged upon request. Please contact our media liaison officer for queries. We look forward to receiving you and your crew/photographer.

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About the South West Community Development Council (CDC)

The South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001, with the mission to Assist the Needy, Bond the People and Connect the Community.

Through local help programmes, the South West CDC provides assistance to help the less fortunate in our community. The South West CDC also organises projects and programmes to promote community bonding and social cohesion. The South West CDC adopts the "Many Helping Hands" approach to encourage community ownership among residents, community partners and corporations to realise its vision of "Owning Your Community".

PROGRAMME

Time	Programme
8.50 am	Arrival of Mayor Low Yen Ling
9.00 am	Arrival of GOH, Dr Amy Khor
9.05 am	Welcome Address by Mayor Low
9.15 am	Speech by Dr Amy Khor
9.25 am	Closing of Power Savers-for-Charity PLUS @ South West
9.30 am	Opening of South West SkillsFuture Advice & Green Career Roadshow
9.35 am	Presentation of 8 th South West ECo Awards and 13 th South West District Public Health Awards
9.45 am	Tour of Exhibition Booths
10.00 am	South West SkillsFuture Advice & Green Career Roadshow
10.10 am	Viewing of Clean Up South West! Redemption Counters
10.15 am	Departure of GOH and Mayor

The South West District Public Health Awards and South West ECo Awards recognise exemplary ground-up green efforts of corporate and community partners in the District. This year saw a total of 45 nominations.

Winners of South West District Public Health Awards 2017

32 nominations were received in 2017. The judging results for the seven (7) awards are below:

S/No	South West District 3 Public Health Goals	Description	Sub-categories	Winners
1	A Litter-Free Environment	Partners who have contributed to an environment that is litter-free	(A) Most “Litter-Free” Estate (RC) (B) Highest Level of Ownership (Division)	(A) [1st time] Bukit Batok East Toh Guan Park RC (Bukit Batok East Division) (B) Bukit Batok Division
2	Clean, Dry & Sparkling Public Toilets	The cleanest toilets in the South West District	(C) Shopping Malls (Division) (D) Hawker Centres (Division) (E) Coffee-shops (Division)	(C) Sunshine Place (Keat Hong Division) (D) [12th-time consecutive winner] Yuhua Village Market & Food Centre (Yuhua Division) (E) [1st time] Blk 49 Teban Gardens Road (Makan Shiok) (Ayer Rajah Division)
3	A	Effective and	(F) Highest	(F) Nanyang Division

S/No	South West District 3 Public Health Goals	Description	Sub-categories	Winners
	Community That Does Not Spread Bugs	innovative initiatives which have contributed to a decrease in mosquito breeding or dengue cases.	Level of Ownership (Division) (G) “Most Dengue Free” Division	(G) [1 st time] Pioneer Division

Winners of South West ECo Awards 2017

13 nominations from Community and Corporate partners were received.

Category	Winner	Key Achievements
Community	Yuhua Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Holistic programmes for the school as a whole ✓ Encouraged shared responsibility for biodiversity in the class and in both gardens on campus ✓ Green ambassadors in every class to raise awareness about the environment ✓ Environment topics weaved into every day learning and subjects ✓ Extended outreach to less developed communities i.e. provided fixed huts to the Cambodian Community which lacked proper housing infrastructure
Community (Commendation)	Chua Chu Kang CCMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Initiative to install energy-efficient and eco-friendly infrastructure in their building plans ✓ Set up vertical gardening for the community ✓ Very active in reaching out to residents during the dengue period (reached out to 16,000 households)
Corporate	[1 st -time] Jurong Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Actively participated in annual Earth Hour campaigns ✓ World’s largest port-based Solar Energy Generation Facility

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ World's First Green Berths – from BCA (berths are made from environmentally friendly / recycled cement)✓ Paperless organisation✓ Public outreach programmes for students and members of the public i.e. Worked with South West CDC to bring children from Fei Yue to Resort World Sentosa's S.E.A. Aquarium✓ Won several awards<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASEAN Best Practice Energy-Efficient Building- Green Mark Platinum Certification✓ Green Port Certificate (culture & practices for environment sustainability)
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