

# Watermark Award 2008

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Minister of the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, presented the awards to six winners at the award presentation ceremony held at the Marina Barrage on 28 Aug 2008. The Watermark Award 2008 recipients are:

## Senoko Power Ltd - Second nature

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Playing their part to conserve water comes second nature to Senoko Power. The organisation demonstrates strong commitment towards the water cause by building their own desalination plant to replace potable water and complement the NEWater supply for their factory processes. The organisation is also the adopter of Sungei Sembawang. They've even brought 10 schools on board to join in the regular clean-ups of the river.

## People's Association - Playing bridge

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The People's Association is a partner of PUB in getting the community involved in water conservation issues, keeping the waterways clean and bonding with water. The association's extensive network of grassroots organisations reach out to residents, who are encouraged to conserve water by participating in PUB's "Water Volunteer Group" and "Water Efficient Homes" programmes. Its Water-Venture outlets play an instrumental role in making water activities available to the community at the reservoirs and waterways.

## Commonwealth Secondary School – Committed to conservation

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Commonwealth Secondary School is so committed to water conservation that they converted the school pond into a Constructed Treatment Wetland to recycle used water to water the plants in the school compound. Their dedication towards the water cause can be seen in the introduction of the Environmental Education Curriculum which was rolled out to secondary one students to help them understand the importance of water as a strategic resource and why it is crucial for Singapore to be self-sufficient. To emphasise the importance of keeping Singapore's waterways clean to its students, the school adopted Sungei Pandan and Pandan Reservoir in March 2007.

## Ngee Ann Polytechnic - Working hand in hand

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Working in tandem with PUB, Ngee Ann Polytechnic is strongly dedicated to Singapore's water sustainability. As a water efficient campus, Ngee Ann Polytechnic's overall water consumption fell by more than 25% in the last two years. Ngee Ann Polytechnic was also the key driver in organizing the Singapore Junior Water Prize, a nation-wide competition to generate interest in water issues amongst secondary and tertiary students.

## Singapore Polytechnic – Monitoring Singapore's waters

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Singapore Polytechnic is dedicated to raising awareness about water issues in Singapore. True to their role as an educational institution of continuous research and development, Singapore Polytechnic actively embarks on water technology projects, including the development of a simple and affordable portable water monitoring kit for primary and secondary school students. Playing their part in keeping the waterways clean, the polytechnic adopted the Singapore River in 2006.

## Chiang Heng Liang, PBM - Bringing buzz to the waterfront

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Chairman of the Kolam Ayer ABC Waterfront, Mr Chiang Heng Liang was instrumental in engaging the community in the successful launch of the project. To ensure that the waterfront continues to be full of activity and buzz after the launch, he is relentless in initiating monthly meetings with his committee to roll out new programmes for the community to engage in and enjoy. Under his leadership, the line-up of events for the Kolam Ayer ABC Waterfront is already choc-a-bloc with activities.