

# Watermark Award 2010

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Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, presented the awards to 9 outstanding organisations and individuals at the Award Ceremony held at the Marina Barrage on 30 September 2010. The Watermark Award 2010 recipients are:



## Land Transport Authority (LTA) – Leading the Way in Stewardship

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LTA has stringent in-house requirements such as treating silt water from construction sites before discharging them into the drains to ensure that its construction projects do not pollute Singapore's water resources. In 2008, LTA collaborated with HDB, NParks and PUB to incorporate bio-retention swales, an Active, Beautiful and Clean Waters (ABC Waters) design feature that helps to filter surface runoffs along the roads of Sengkang West Way.



## The Regent Singapore – Striking a Balance between Conservation & Comfort

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Without compromising conservation and comfort, guest and staff rooms are installed with water efficient fittings and hotel guests are reminded to save water by reusing their towels and linens. The use of NEWater for hotel facilities such as its lobby water features is also another water conservation initiative adopted by The Regent Singapore. Its prudence in water usage goes beyond the management. To further motivate staff to contribute to its corporate social responsibility activities, the Regent Singapore strongly believes in awarding and recognising their staff for their green efforts.



## East View Primary School – Making Water a Part of Life

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“Water is Life” has become an enriching learning phrase in the East View Primary School. An initiative driven by the Principal, “Water is Life” aims to instil appreciation for water amongst the students and stakeholders. From involving canteen vendors in the “Water is Life” committee to partnering with Nickelodeon to convey water messages, everyone enjoyed participating and learning about water through fun-filled activities such as poster competitions and Water Wally shows. Water Ambassadors were also appointed to spread water messages at selected kindergartens.



## Marsiling Secondary School – Pioneer for Environment Education

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With a focus on water and energy, the school’s Environmental Education Programme (EEP) stands in the forefront of environment education. Under the programme, Marsiling Secondary School students study about water issues in their curriculum and attend water treatment and water management programmes funded by the Hitachi Environment Education Fund. In 2008, the school partnered with Applied Materials South East Asia to develop its Environment Education Hub (EEH), an exhibition centre that shares the school’s environmental efforts with other schools and the community.



## Woodgrove Secondary School – Helping the Environment with Head, Hearts & Hands

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The Woodgrove Secondary School uses the **3Hs Approach: Head, Heart and Hands** to inspire their students to be more mindful of environmental conservation and to care for the environment. Partners like PUB, Waterways Watch Society and Senoko Energy are vital in enhancing the school's water programmes such as Water TAP (Training, Appreciation and Participation). This new initiative had 40 environmental champions from 5 different secondary schools competing in a water quiz after a tour and attending a water workshop at Marina Barrage. Its objective was to expose students to Singapore's Water Story, the Four National Taps and be equipped with the knowledge of water conservation.



## Nanyang Polytechnic – Reaching out for the STARS

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Guided by 5 components in the STARS framework - **Strong Management Support, Technology Applications & Innovation, Awareness & Conservation, Rigorous Facilities Management and Strategic Design & Development**, Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) has been a shining example in environmental excellence. NYP partnered with many organisations to extend water advocacy to their students and its community. Working with PUB, NYP created the Water Wally Activity Book to teach preschoolers about water conservation. To further complement its 'blue' initiatives, NYP has adopted Lower Seletar Reservoir and plans to organise community activities at the reservoir to further cement its excellence in water conservation.



## Mr Chia Yew Loon – Advocacy beyond Core Duty

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The man behind Nan Hua High School's "School Total Environment Education Programme" (STEEP), Mr Chia's framework not only integrates environmental topics into the school's curriculum, but also opens up opportunities for the school to work with various partners in promoting environmental awareness. Nan Hua Water Week is one of the many projects that Mr Chia has launched from his environmental education programme. An active volunteer in community committees, Mr Chia arranges for students' water projects to be featured at community events to encourage residents to do their part for water conservation.



## Mr Kwong Kok Chan – Leading by Example

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Mr Kwong engages schools through many water outreach programmes; such as involving Woodgrove Secondary School, also a Watermark Award 2010 winner, in Senoko's water conservation efforts. To further his understanding of our water resources, he participated in PUB's Volunteer Training Programme so that he can better convey the water messages to his company and the schools. His passionate care for the environment has led his company to achieve the IChemE Award for Excellence in Education & Chemical Engineering and the inaugural Watermark Award in 2008.



## Dr Adrian Yeo – A Knight for the Water Cause

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Adrian is the founder of the 'Water Initiative for Securing Health', an NGO that looks into water issues for the developing countries. Several of his projects aim to instil the message of conserving, valuing and enjoying. At PUB's Teachers' Forum 2009 at Commonwealth Secondary School, he was the mentor to a group of students from Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary that demonstrated the concept of membrane technology to an audience of teachers. He has even developed a water simulation game that revolves around the concept of Singapore's Four National Taps with Temasek Academy.

