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Green Wave Environmental Care Project for Schools Award Presentation Ceremony 2004

The Green Wave Environment Competition 2004 award presentation ceremony was successfully held at the Tudor Ballroom, Goodwood Park Hotel on 29th November 2004. Graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education, the ceremony was attended by more than 250 guests from various schools, senior staff from the key education and statutory institutions and our alliance partners. The Fleet Manager from Shell International Trading & Shipping Company Limited (UK), Mr Erick Weston and Fleet Technical Manager from BP Shipping (UK), Mr Tony Sullivan flew into Singapore especially for this ceremony. Both Shell and BP are co-sponsors of the competition's top prizes.

The competition has attracted keen interest and participation from students in Singapore since its launch in January 2003. In 2004, we received a total of 126 entries from Primary, Secondary, Junior College / Institute of Technical Education / Centralised Institutes and Tertiary levels, a significant increase from last year's inaugural competition. Through their projects, the students shared their interesting ideas on a wide range of environmental concerns such as water conservation, waste



From left : Mr Heng Chiang Gnee, Chairman, SSPL, Ms Wong Lee Lin, Executive Director & General Manager, SSPL, Mr Erick Weston, Fleet Manager, Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Ltd (UK), Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education, Mr Tony Sullivan, Fleet Technical Manager, BP Shipping (UK), Mr P K Ong, Managing Director, SSPL and Mr Richard Hale, Director, SembCorp Industries

management, air and pollution control and preservation of wild life in Singapore. Our distinguished panel of judges for 2004 competition was from the Ministry of Education, National Environment Agency, Singapore Environment Council, National Parks Board, National University of Singapore, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Polytechnic.

In his welcome speech at the award ceremony, Mr Heng Chiang Gnee, Chairman of Sembawang Shipyard said, *"The Green Wave is not merely a competition. It is aimed to be an educational promotion of creativity and innovative thinking among our student population in the area of environmental care and protection. We sincerely believe that the Green Wave competition will challenge our students,*



daring them to think innovatively on their lifelong journey of responsible involvement in environmental care and protection ... If the projects can be commercialized, it would certainly boost our national effort to build a more entrepreneur culture". Mr Heng also announced that a distinguished panel of Advisors would be set up by 2005 to set the directions and give maturity to the competition such that the Green Wave competition gets progressively better each year.

During his speech, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education said "The Green Wave competition fits well with what our schools are doing to increase the level of environmental awareness and

3rd prize winners from Anglo-Chinese School (Junior) with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education.



Anglican High School, 2nd prize winning team for Secondary Level Competition



Mr Wu Sheng Wei from Ngee Ann Polytechnic explaining the team's 2nd prize winning project titled "Liquid & Solid Particles Separator for Ballast System" to Mr Tharman.



Launch of Green Wave Competition 2005 by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education and Mr Heng Chiang Gnee, Chairman, SSPL



Students and Teachers at one of the workshops during the tour

action among students. Environmental care is a key component of our schools' Community Involvement Programmes. Students are encouraged to do their part for the environment through park adoption and recycling efforts, among others. The competition is also interesting because it challenges students to come out with creative, out-of-the-box solutions. It seeks to motivate students to experiment with ideas and technologies to develop new schemes to protect the environment. This again ties in well with what we are working towards in education. We want to nurture young Singaporeans who keep looking beyond their

textbooks, and who want to use their energies to create a better society. Competitions like Green Wave provide them an opportunity to identify real life problems, work in teams, undertake research and come up with practical solutions".

During the award ceremony,

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam presented a total of 21 awards to the winning teams. Besides presenting the awards, the Minister also jointly launched the Green Wave Environment Competition 2005 with Mr Heng.

After the award ceremony, all guests were invited to a tea reception and to view the winning exhibits.

A half-day tour of Sembawang Shipyard was specially organized for the student participants on 30th November 2004. The shipyard visit was the first-time experience for the 25 students and teachers and they thoroughly enjoyed the interesting and educational tour conducted by our HSE team.

"Green Wave will, I am sure, encourage young Singaporeans to come up with novel and effective ways to safeguard the environment and spark interest in conservation. I am glad that Sembawang Shipyard has involved our students in this endeavour. It is one of the many ways in which we make the environment everyone's responsibility".

**Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam,
Minister for Education**

The Green Wave Environment Competition 2005 is now open for registration. For more information and details, please refer to www.sembship.com/greenwave