



(From left) Gammon Construction executive director Jon Button, SMA president George Huang, SEC chairman Isabella Loh, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Siloso Beach Resort executive director Kelvin Ng and Samwoh managing director Elvin Koh at the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards ceremony at the Shangri-La Hotel yesterday. Gammon, Siloso Beach Resort and Samwoh won recognition for green efforts. PHOTO: LIANHE ZAOBAO

# More S'pore firms lauded for going green

## 3 companies honoured at Environmental Achievement Awards

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SINGAPORE-REGISTERED companies appear to be adopting a green approach more enthusiastically, with three local companies being honoured at this year's Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards.

In previous years, only one company had been recognised.

Going the extra mile out of choice and not compulsion, the award recipients "represent an emerging breed of green companies", said the chairman of the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), Ms Isabella Loh, at a ceremony held yesterday at the Shangri-La Hotel.

The Minister for the Environment

and Water Resources, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, who was guest of honour at the event, handed out the awards.

Gammon Construction Singapore was recognised for optimising energy and water efficiency at construction sites, including a site housing its own offices.

Internally, it has introduced a system that mimics a carbon trading scheme, encouraging employees to reduce their carbon footprint from work activities.

Green products supplier and construction company Samwoh wowed the judges with its use of recycled materials to produce concrete and green products for road maintenance, helping to address concerns of waste build-up.

The third firm to win recognition was Siloso Beach Resort which was given an award for its 200-room eco-hotel, built on a site which has been mainly preserved in its original state.

Winning the award has been "exciting" and an added confidence boost for Mr Kelvin Ng, executive director of the resort.

He added that Singapore's green industry is still growing and education to raise awareness remains important.

Home-grown firm Winrigo was awarded the SEC-Senoko Energy Green Innovation Award for its production of eco-friendly plastic. Senoko Energy is the awards' main corporate sponsor.

The company recycles plastic and strengthens it with rice husk fibre to produce a material that can be used to make items such as cutlery and spectacles.

Recently, it also took part in a project facilitated by the Singapore Manufacturers' Federation (SMA) to develop by-products from local brand Prima's bran waste from food production.

The idea is to recycle waste and make use of renewable sources for production, its operations director, Mr Teri Teo, told The Straits Times.

Six other companies were commended with merit awards for making strides in using environmentally sound practices.

These were: City Developments, Engro, Keppel Land, NatSteel, Panasonic