



"A recognition for ground-up sustainability"

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CITIES OF LOVE AWARD 2019 SINGAPORE – DRIVING SUSTAINABLE LIVING THROUGH INNOVATION CALL FOR ENTRIES NOW OPEN

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Singapore, October 2019 - The Cities Of Love Award Singapore organizing committee today announced that the Call for Entries is now open for COLA 2019.

The award celebrates and recognizes the outstanding sustainable efforts and creativity of enterprising individuals and organizations that are driving impactful, innovative and inspiring sustainability solutions.

Established in 2017, COLA believes that everyone has the capability to foster change. It aims to be a catalyst of change through holistic creations that promote sustainable living. Its long-term vision is to develop a plethora of diverse creative projects that could include products, publications, multi-media productions and even gastronomic experiences. By introducing innovation and perspectives that are sustainable and economically feasible, it hopes to spawn solutions for sustainable living where cities can contribute to green living.

Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of North West District, says, "I am heartened to celebrate the sustainability efforts by Singaporeans from all walks of life through the Cities of Love Awards. Every effort, big or small, makes a difference and are lauded as impactful examples to inspire more to step up with innovative green ideas. I hold environmental issues close to heart and, together with the North West CDC, have been cultivating a green culture in my district through innovative programmes and upgrading volunteers' skills. I would like to encourage everyone to start by embracing green living at home and in the community."

Cities of Love Awards 2018 demonstrated that many people love their city. In Singapore, the efforts to do something for society and environment are astounding. I am heartened by the award entries and they prove once again that people do care for their city" said Mr. Tai Lee Siang Founder of COLA.

Excellent jury panel:

The evaluation of the nominations is achieved through a jury composed of experts and leading figures of the industry and sustainability experts.

Ms Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer, City Developments Limited

Mr Allen Ang, GM, Project Management and Sustainable Design, Keppel Land

Mr Ang Kian Seng, Group Director, Environment Sustainability Group, BCA

Awards in three main categories:

The award celebrates businesses, NGOs, Public sector bodies and individuals, teams, and organizations across 3 different categories Social, Environmental, Economic and are rigorously judged by a panel of sustainability professionals and green economy leaders.

Dates to remember :

Call for entries: open

Submission deadline: 31 Dec 2019

The winners and nominees will be awarded in February 2020 in Singapore

COLA Award Ambassador: Dr. Terrence Tan Chun Liang

Dr. Terrence Tan is the thrust leader and principal investigator for the Urban Greenery Research Thrust under the former NUS-JTC Industrial Infrastructure Innovation Centre, now Centre for Sustainable Asian Cities (CSAC). Dr. Tan aims to bridge the gap between academia and practice in the fields of sustainable design through the use of novel tools and techniques.

Dr. Tan was the recipient of the Cities of Love 2017 Distinguished Award (Individual category) for his work on conducting urban greenery workshops for primary and secondary schools in Singapore. "While I am astounded by the diverse and inventive nature of all the nominated entries, perhaps what had left the deepest impression on me is witnessing how ordinary citizens can do extraordinary things. I am hopeful that more will come forth to share their efforts in improving our environment and that their actions be celebrated via the Cities of Love Awards." Tan says.

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About "Cities of Love"

What you love, you will sustain. Cities of Love aims to urge, persuade and provoke fellow residents of our earth to collectively shape the cities we live in. To achieve this, her residents must again uncover the reasons to love and therefore sustain their cities. To this end, Cities of Love tries to identify the elements and attributes for such active love. When a city is filled by the people who love their cities, then we can have a greater chance of advancing towards a better tomorrow. Love is a mighty force to be reckoned with

COLA is also organized in support of SG Cares, a national movement dedicated to supporting the go Under the Social Category.

The man behind COLA

Tai Lee Siang practiced as architect and urban planner since 1990. His key projects won both local and international award and was featured in a URA exhibition "20 under 45" in March 2004. He held the position as President of Singapore Institute of Architects from 2007 to 2009. In 2011, he was elected as President of Singapore Green Building Council. Under his leadership, the first green building product certification scheme in Singapore was established. On the design front, he was elected President of Design Business Chamber Singapore in 2013. He started the Singapore Good Design Mark in 2014. Tai Lee Siang also held the position of Group Managing Director of Ong&Ong Group - a multi-discipline design firm - from 2011 to 2016. He is the Board Member of Health Science Authority and Board of Trustee of Singapore University of Technology and Design. Currently he is the Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) Executive Director (BUILD SG).