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**SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL AND JAPAN ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION PARTNER
FOR MUTUAL CERTIFICATION OF IMAGING EQUIPMENT**

Singapore, 18 June 2024 – The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Japan Environment Association (JEA), a public interest incorporated foundation based in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, responsible for the Eco Mark certification program. This collaboration marks the mutual certification of imaging equipment including copiers and printers, under the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS).

This agreement facilitates products certified with the Eco Mark in Japan to be recognised by the SGLS. This streamlines the certification process, reducing time and effort for manufacturers.

Imaging equipment is the most commonly used category in mutual certification, with over 1,300 models eligible across several countries. This is the second mutual certification agreement between SEC and JEA, following a similar agreement for projectors last December. Discussions are ongoing to expand mutual certification to more product categories, such as tile carpets and vinyl flooring.

This collaboration highlights SEC's commitment to international cooperation in environmental standards, promoting eco-friendly products in Singapore. This is also part of a broader effort by JEA, which has similar agreements with organisations in countries including Germany, South Korea and Thailand.

About Singapore Environment Council

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) enables businesses in their sustainability journeys through its globally recognised environmental certification programme under the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN). In line with the national targets outlined in the SG Green Plan 2030, SEC focuses on raising public awareness on sustainability issues and fosters capability and capacity building through Public Private People (3Ps) partnership. As a not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation (NGO), SEC is approved under the Institution of Public Character (IPC) which extends tax exemption to donors.

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