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SG60: VISION OF A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL UNVEILS COLLECTIVE VISION OF A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Singapore, 16 December 2025. The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) today unveiled **SG60: Vision of a Sustainable Future**, graced by Guest-of-Honour Dr Janil Puthuchear, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment, and Senior Minister of State for Education.

To mark SG60, SEC conducted a series of **engagement sessions** with environmental civil groups, youth organisations, sustainability practitioners, and members of the public. These sessions explored what a greener, more resilient Singapore might look like in the future and what policies, systems and lifestyle shifts are needed to get there. The sessions culminated in the distillation of a vision that reflects the collective hopes, concerns and aspirations of participants on what a sustainable Singapore could be like in future.

Through the consultations, it was evident that environmental issues were important to the participants, and despite the range of perspectives, there was general recognition that advancing sustainability required careful trade-offs. Participants consistently emphasized the need to pursue sustainability in ways that balanced affordability, practicality, and long-term resilience. The participants also expressed a desire to play constructive roles in policy-making and nation building. They seek deeper engagements and co-creation opportunities that feed into policies affecting their daily lives, such as on the design of recycling infrastructure and solutions for climate (heat) adaption.

Four interconnected pillars emerged as key foundations of the collective vision: **Biodiversity, Responsible Consumption, Circular Economy, and Decarbonisation & Climate Resilience**. Together, these pillars form a framework that envisions how Singapore can strengthen its environmental stewardship, transition towards sustainable economic models, and empower communities to adopt more mindful ways of living.

Learn more about the SG60 Vision: tinyurl.com/sg60vision

Four Pillars of the Vision

1. Biodiversity

Singapore protects and regenerates its natural ecosystems, strengthening ecological corridors and restoring native habitats. Our green spaces have grown by over 1000 hectares. Caring for nature is a way of life, and communities learn how to coexist with nature, reducing human-wildlife conflict and safeguarding the country's rich biodiversity for future generations.

2. Responsible Consumption

Instead of wasteful consumption, Singaporeans are committed to consume better and

mindfully, and have more avenues to do so. Individuals embrace sustainable purchasing habits, choose second-hand or shared options, and buy only what they need. Rooted in a culture of thrift and sensibility, responsible consumption becomes second nature and a reflection of national identity.

3. Circular Economy

Singapore's circular economy thrives with products designed for repair and longevity. Strong Extended Producer Responsibility systems, resource-recovery initiatives and well-designed recycling infrastructure ensure that materials remain in use for as long as possible.

Accessible drop-off points, upfront sorting and low contamination rates are the norm.

4. Decarbonisation & Climate Resilience

Sustainability is reflected in everyday life, from plant-based diets and mindful travel to climate-comfort dress codes like "SG Attire," where short sleeves and no jackets reduce cooling demands. Nature-based cooling strategies and strong local networks support vulnerable groups to cope with extreme heat.

"The vision captures the hopes, concerns and aspirations of participants from across Singapore's diverse communities. The translation of this vision into reality depends on partnership. A sustainable future cannot be realised in isolation; it requires trust, collaboration and shared responsibility across individuals, organisations and government."

Quote from Mr Cheang Kok Chung, Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council.

"As climate action gains urgency, this vision reflects Singapore's shared aspiration for a future where people and nature thrive together. It underscores the commitment to safeguard biodiversity and keep nature at the heart of well-being; values The Nature Conservancy has long championed. The Nature Conservancy supports this vision and we stand ready to work with partners to turn these hopes into tangible impact as Singapore enters its next chapter."

Quote from Mr Mohamed Faiz A. Rahim, Director of Finance & Operations, The Nature Conservancy

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About the Singapore Environment Council (SEC)

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to nurturing environmental responsibility. 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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