# **CLIMATE ACTION IN SG**

An e-newsletter on Singapore's sustainable development and climate action efforts

#### World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) Sea Level Conference 2022



Minister Fu (centre) with representatives from WCRP and National Environment Agency at the WCRP Sea Level Conference 2022

Around 300 industry experts, research scientists and government representatives from Singapore, Asia, UK, US, and Europe participated in the WCRP Sea Level Conference 2022 on 12 July 2022. The conference presented an opportunity for much-needed in-person conversations on advancing sea level research, and bringing climate science closer to practitioners and wider society. In her keynote address, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu announced the launch of the Climate Impact Science Research Programme. Singapore will set aside \$\$23.5 million over five years for research on climate impacts such as sea level rise, droughts, floods, food insecurity, biodiversity loss, and threats to human health. This will ensure that our long-term investments in climate adaptation are optimally designed and implemented in a timely manner.

Read Minister Fu's speech here.

## Visit by Deputy Agong of Malaysia and Sultan of Perak, His Royal Highness Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah

On 23 June 2022, Minister Fu hosted the Deputy Agong of Malaysia and Sultan of Perak, His Royal Highness Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah.

Minister Fu and His Royal Highness exchanged views on climate change and decarbonising both countries' economies towards net zero emissions.

#### Read Minister Fu's Facebook post here.



Minister Fu with the Deputy Agong of Malaysia and Sultan of Perak, His Royal Highness Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (on Minister Fu's right), and representatives from Singapore and Sarawak

#### Meeting with Sarawak Premier Datuk Patinggi Abang Zohari

On 6 July 2022, Minister Fu and Minister for National Development Mr Desmond Lee met Sarawak Premier Datuk Patinggi Abang Zohari to discuss issues relating to climate action and sustainability. They noted that there is much scope for Singapore and Sarawak to collaborate, especially with both sides seeking to scale up the deployment of renewable energy and decarbonise our economies. Minister Fu and Minister Lee also shared how the various ministries in Singapore are working together to drive sustainable development.

### Read Minister Fu's Facebook post <u>here</u>.



From left: Deputy Premier of Sarawak Douglas Uggah, Minister Fu, Sarawak Premier Datuk Patinggi Abang Zohari, Mr Desmond Lee (Minister for National Development), and Deputy Premier of Sarawak Awang Tengah

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue



Department of Energy, Transportation and Environment, DIW Berlin, Dr. Johann Killinger, Managing Director, Buss Group (on Minister Fu's left), and representatives from Singapore Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Prime Minister's Office

Minister Fu attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue in Berlin, Germany, from 17 to 19 July 2022. During her visit, she met German industry experts and thought leaders in the sustainability, energy and climate spaces. They engaged in discussions on many topics including energy transition, agri-tech, and resource optimisation.

Minister Fu also visited two leading recycling plants – ALBA's mechanical plastics recycling plant in Eisenhüttenstadt, and PreZero Pyral's aluminium recycling plant in Freiberg, to learn more about their approaches in closing the resource loop.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post <u>here</u>.

# CapitaLand Sustainability X Challenge 2022 The CapitaLand Sustainability X Challenge 2022 Demo Day was

held on 20 July 2022 to encourage innovations in making buildings more climate-resilient and resource-efficient.

During his opening speech, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Koh Poh Koon highlighted that the built environment sector is an important stakeholder in the fight against climate change, as it is responsible for about 40 per cent of carbon emissions globally. In Singapore, the sector accounts for around 20 per cent of national emissions.

SMS Koh emphasised that collaboration between the public and private sectors is crucial in the development, test-bedding and deployment of greener technologies and solutions for buildings. The Singapore Government is committed to work with the built environment sector through the Green Building Masterplan, which is an integral part of the Singapore Green Plan 2030.

Read SMS Koh' speech here.



Sustainability X Challenge 2022 Demo Day

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution



Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution

On 5 July 2022, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor attended the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution. The meeting was attended by Ministers and representatives responsible for the environment, land, forest fires and haze, from neighbouring countries like Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. During the meeting, SMS Khor reaffirmed Singapore's commitment to support and assist Indonesia should hotspots escalate. Singapore will continue to stand alongside ASEAN neighbours in the fight against fires that cause transboundary haze in the region.

Read SMS Khor's Facebook post here.



Darussalam (left), and Ms Jean Ang, Managing Director, Citi Global Markets (right) at the

### On 7 July 2022, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for

Youth Co:Lab Regional Summit 2022

Sustainability and the Environment Mr Baey Yam Keng participated in a fireside chat at the Youth Co:Lab Regional Summit 2022.

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Participants discussed the unique challenges faced by Singapore as a small island city-state with no natural resources and lack of alternative energy options.

Other pertinent discussions revolved around how youths and other stakeholder groups can get involved to cocreate and co-deliver solutions for environmental issues.

Read SPS Baey's Facebook post <u>here</u>.



