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Fourteen Local Schools Win Awards at the National Weather Study Project 2007

Singapore, 29 May 2007 – The results of the National Weather Study Project 2007 (NWSP 2007), a school competition on climate change, showed that young Singaporeans are increasingly passionate about environmental issues.

At the awards presentation held today, 14 finalist teams won awards and prizes for their efforts in studying the impact of climate change on the environment and Singaporeans' lifestyles.

	Name of school
Winner	Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
First runner-up	Guangyang Primary School
Second runner-up	Red Swastika School
Meritorious submission	Ai Tong School
Meritorious submission	Nanyang Primary School
Meritorious submission	North Spring Primary School
	Name of school
Winner	Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)
First runner-up	NUS High School of Mathematics and Science
Meritorious submission	Admiralty Secondary School
Meritorious submission	Crescent Girls' School
Meritorious submission	MacPherson Secondary School
	Name of School
Winner	Raffles Junior College
Joint Runner-up	Millennia Institute
Joint Runner-up	Saint Andrew's Junior College

The overall division winners – representatives from Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Primary), Geylang Methodist School (Secondary) and Raffles Junior College – will also enjoy sponsored overseas trips later this year, during which they will share their ideas and project findings with foreign counterparts.

The winning teams received their prizes from Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for Health, who graced the awards presentation ceremony as Guest-of-Honour.

In presenting the awards, Mr Khaw said: "Climate change will affect everyone, our economy and our way of life. Through NWSP 2007, the students have gained a deeper understanding of the key environmental issues. They will be our future activists in environmental protection."

All prizes were donated by Senoko Power Limited, Singapore's largest electricity generator and retailer and the originator of the NWSP.

A total of 234 primary schools, secondary schools and junior colleges – about two-thirds of all such schools – collectively submitted 372 projects for NWSP 2007 by the March 31 deadline. In comparison, the inaugural NWSP, which ended last year, saw 178 participating schools (about half of all such schools in Singapore) and a total of 279 project submissions.

During the preliminary assessment phase in April, over 150 judges (comprising academics, civil servants and private-sector professionals) assessed the 372 submissions through visits to each of the participating schools.

The 14 finalist projects were then shortlisted for the final assessment in May, and subsequently judged – by the NWSP Advisory Committee, academics, civil servants and private-sector professionals – based on the following 10 criteria:

- originality and creativity;
- relevance;
- data originality and interpretation;
- depth / substance of project;
- work planning and organisation;
- analytical processes;
- problem-solving skills;
- cooperation / teamwork;
- relevance to community; and
- global content and relevance

Prof Leo Tan, Chairman of NWSP Advisory Committee and Chairman of the National Parks Board, said: "The participation and submission rates have increased, and the quality of project submissions has also risen sharply. The students have performed well in the competition, which reflects their passion for environmental issues. The committee is heartened to see that many young Singaporeans are keen to champion such a worthy cause."

Mr John Lim, Chairman of Senoko Power, said: "Senoko Power invested \$1 million to launch the NWSP in 2005. Given that environmental issues are increasingly prominent on the global agenda, the competition was conceived to raise awareness of such issues among young Singaporeans. The students who

took part in NWSP 2007 have deepened their knowledge base, widened their perspectives and acquired skills such as research techniques and leadership. These skills will benefit in life. Knowledge is power and through the NWSP, Senoko Power has provided the power to make a difference.”

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