

RHT Rajan Menon Foundation's inaugural GAIL Sustainability Day brings over 250 individuals and organisations to embrace sustainability

- Best practices for environmentally friendly events were adopted to organise the inaugural RHT Rajan Menon Foundation GAIL Sustainability Day which comprised of a charity golf tournament, sustainability forum and Gala Awards.
- Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources & Health, commended winning organisations for their sustainable practices at the GAIL Gala Awards.
- Mr Charles Chong, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Member of Parliament for Punggol East Constituency opened the sustainability forum which highlighted leading examples in sustainable business practices as participants discussed the right way forward.
- Olam International Ltd won the Sustainability Excellence Award for its ambitious corporate purpose to re-imagine global agriculture and food systems within its ethos of growing responsibly.



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Singapore, 27 June 2019 – RHT Rajan Menon Foundation (“Foundation”) held its inaugural Greening ASEAN: Initiatives & Leadership (“GAIL”) Sustainability Day at the Sentosa Golf Club to celebrate organisations which have gone above and beyond to embrace sustainable practices. The Foundation’s GAIL Sustainability Day was a full day event comprising of a charity golf tournament, sustainability forum and Gala Awards.

Business partners of RHT Law Taylor Wessing and the RHT Group of Companies, including more than 250 individuals and organisations supported the event. St. James’s Place Wealth Management is the title partner and Goldbell is the gold partner of the Foundation’s GAIL Sustainability Day.

During her keynote address at the Gala Awards, Guest-of-Honour Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources & Health, commended the efforts of winning organisations which have gone above and beyond to embrace sustainable practices. A total of 13 organisations were celebrated as champions of green growth across six award categories.¹

Olam International Ltd won the Sustainability Excellence Award for its outstanding efforts to revitalise communities, regenerate nature as well as redesign farming and food value chains for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The sustainability forum hosted insightful panel discussions and an interactive workshop to put a spotlight on success stories from businesses which are leading the way with their efforts to champion sustainable development. Mr Charles Chong, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Member of Parliament for Punggol East Constituency highlighted sustainability in business during his keynote address at the forum.

More than 60 golfers teed off for a green cause at the event. The venue, Sentosa Golf Club, was specifically chosen for the inaugural event as it is part of the Building and Construction Authority's ("BCA") list of green event spaces and holds the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award.

Mr Tan Chong Huat, Chairman of RHT Rajan Menon Foundation, said, "We believe awareness is half the battle and hope that our GAIL Sustainability Day will help advance the sustainability agenda among the business community. As industries become more aware of the trailblazers and the positive impact that sustainable practices bring, there will be greater incentive and willpower for other organisations to jump in and pursue green growth together."

Mr Jayaprakash Jagateesan, Chief Executive Officer of RHT Holdings, said, "As a strategic partner of the inaugural GAIL Sustainability Day, we are encouraged by the participation of leading organisations from across a wide range of industries. Through the course of our business in financial services and technology, we have come to recognise the importance of sustainability and believe that any organisation can contribute to green growth by taking the first step towards embracing sustainable practices, regardless of the organisation's size or sector."

In support of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources' Sustainable Singapore Movement, organising partner RHT Academy adopted the Ministry's best practice guide for organising environmentally friendly events. The organising team adopted various green practices such as paperless registration, the use of QR codes to minimise the distribution of hardcopy printouts, goodie bags with environmentally-friendly items and the re-use of lanyards and ID cases.

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¹ The full list of RHT Rajan Menon Foundation GAIL Gala Award winners is available in the appendix

Appendix

Award Category	Winners
Sustainability Gamechanger Award	Armor Asia Imaging Supplies Pte Ltd CMIG International Holding Pte Ltd Eco-Business Global Catalyst Advisory Grand Hyatt Singapore Olam International Ltd Resorts World Sentosa Sentosa Golf Club Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Soil Chain System The Travel Corporation
Sustainability Leadership Award	Soil Chain System Singapore Road Safety Council
Sustainability Innovator Award	Global Catalyst Advisory Global Indian International School Singapore Sentosa Golf Club
Sustainable Development Goals Achiever Award	Eco-Business Jumbo Group Limited
Holistic Sustainability Champion Award	Grand Hyatt Singapore Olam International Ltd Resorts World Sentosa
Sustainability Excellence Award	Olam International Ltd

About RHT Rajan Menon Foundation

A Singapore registered charity and grant-making philanthropic organisation, RHT Rajan Menon Foundation Ltd (“Foundation”) enables RHTLaw Taylor Wessing and the RHT Group of Companies to do right and do good through various charitable endeavours.

Named after RHTLaw Taylor Wessing’s Founder-Senior Consultant Rajan Menon, the Foundation was set up in 2015, and was registered as a Singapore charity by the Commissioner of Charities and a grant-making philanthropic organisation by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore on 16 September 2016 and 28 November 2016 respectively.

The Foundation seeks to establish, inspire and encourage the right philanthropic culture among the corporate and legal fraternity of giving back to the community in a focused, hands-on and meaningful manner. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised more than S\$2 million to support beneficiaries involved in education, the environment, disadvantaged groups and the arts.

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