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18 GIRL GUIDES & 10 SCOUTS RECEIVE THE HIGHEST AWARD FROM PRESIDENT TONY TAN KENG YAM

Eighteen outstanding Girl Guides from Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) and ten Venture Scouts from the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) will be conferred the 2011 President's Guide Award and the President's Scout Award respectively by President Tony Tan Keng Yam at the award ceremony to be held at the Istana on Friday, 9 December 2011 at 1500 hrs.

The President's Guide Award (PGA) and the President's Scout Award (PSA) are the highest honour bestowed on our nation's most all-rounded Girl Guides and Venture Scouts in recognition of their excellent performance, dedication to the Movement and service to the community. The award represents the pinnacle of achievement for these Girl Guides and Venture Scouts and indicates their preparedness for a lifetime of service to God, nation and all mankind.

The tremendous support these recipients received from the schools, the Principals, their Guiders / Venture Scout Leaders and parents has made it possible for them to overcome the rigours of various stringent tests in order to attain the Award. These achievers are role models for other Girl Guides and Scouts.

"The President's Guide Award is especially significant this year as we celebrate the 2011 millennium theme - 'Empowering Girls to Change the World'. Selected from thousands of Girl Guides in Singapore, our PGA awardees have been put through a series of rigorous tests where they have exhibited an excellent grasp of general knowledge, outstanding leadership skills, a sense of preparedness and a dynamic spirit of giving back to the community. They also serve as exceptional role models to many other young women in the Guiding Movement." said Mrs Joy Balakrishnan, President of Girl Guides Singapore.

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(Please see Annex 1 for the list of recipients)

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Girl Guides Singapore

Started in 1917, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a non-profit Uniformed Group that is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Guide Scouts (WAGGGS). It has over 10,000 members in Singapore and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls. There are more than 10 million members in 145 countries today.

GGS teaches leadership, promotes resourcefulness and supports cultural diversity in today's world, for today's girls. We offer opportunities and challenges that shape each girl into a leader of courage, confidence and character. As she takes her place and makes her mark in the world, the Girl Guides experience is something a girl will carry with her for life.

Be Prepared. Think it. Say it. Live it

This is a reiteration of the Girl Guide Motto - "Be Prepared", which shares the Founder's initials (Baden-Powell) and is a practical reminder of the basis of the Girl Guide training.

The President's Guide Award (PGA)

There are three stages of tests that a PGA candidate has to go through before the selection. She is being tested in Knowledge, Ability to lead and Ability to think and execute on the go.

Stage 1

The Panel interviews on Guiding and Singapore Knowledge, chaired by the Chief Commissioner/Deputy Chief Commissioners.

Stage 2

The Planning & Organization Test Camp at Camp Christine. The candidate is required to run a 2-night, 3-day camp for 24 to 36 new Guides. At this camp, each candidate is required to plan and execute a 2 1/2 hr lesson on camping skills such as, tent-pitching, gadget-making, outdoor-cooking, wide games, Guides Own and conducting a campfire based on a chosen theme.

Stage 3

The 'Be-Prepared' Test @ Guide House Tasks include crafting ways to help an autistic Guide participate in her Guide unit activities, helping an aged couple plan their meals and manage their illness such as diabetes or running a 2-hr program for a group of 5-yr olds at KK Hospital in their mothers' absence.

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The Singapore Scout Association (SSA)

The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) is grounded on time-proven values and practices. These are: a culture of peace, developing socially committed members, inclusiveness and gender balance. These are significant values that contribute to nation building and maintaining harmonious relationships in the community. SSA exemplifies this by maintaining unity within the diversity of membership. These values and practices have prepared our members to contribute to the peace of the world, people-to-people relations and racial harmony in the community.

Over 30 million boys and girls in over 216 countries and territories have discovered and enjoyed the Scouting way of life, its Promise, Law and Motto. Through its fun-filled, exciting and empowering activities/programmes, members discover, learn and put into practice essential life long skills. This is achieved through learning by doing, adult support, and team work, which some of the key elements of the Scout Method.

Mission of Scouting

The mission of Scouting is to educate and develop young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, and to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. This is achieved by

- Involving them throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process which develop them physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually
- Using the Scout Method that makes each individual the principal agent of his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person
- Inculcating in them a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the Promise and Law.

Our Vision

“Better Scouting for more young people”

Our vision is to provide quality scouting so as to remain relevant and attractive to more young people as one of the premier uniformed organizations.

Our Motto - “Be Prepared”

It is a constant reminder to all scouts that they have to be prepared for any contingency and to face the uncertainties of the future.

Our strategic thrust

To complement the national efforts, SSA has been encouraging the involvement of parents and the community in scouting as we promote the theme “*Scouting builds Families*” and “*Scouting builds Communities*”

Our outreach to Community

SSA also reaches out to seniors/retirees in the community and encourages active ageing; life-long learning and senior volunteerism.

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NAMES OF PRESIDENT'S GUIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2011

1	Wee Hui Min, Ashley	CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School (Secondary)
2	Dorothy Grace Tan Jun Wen	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
3	Esse Chua Ai Xin	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
4	Lim Cui En Chloe	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
5	Mira Nadarjah	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
6	Narin-Nipha Koh	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
7	Ong Hui Ying Linette	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
8	Choong Jia Chee	Nanyang Girls' High School
9	Neo Xin Hui	Nanyang Girls' High School
10	Woo Yook May, Amelia	Nanyang Girls' High School
11	Hanin Insyirah Bte Mohd Amir	Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
12	Koh Wei Yi	Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
13	Maehanyi Frances Rajendram	Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
14	Yong Yoong-Yee, Joceline	Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
15	Ashvari Ravintharan	Seng Kang Secondary School
16	Nursyahidah Mohamad Yusof	Seng Kang Secondary School
17	Annabel Teo	St. Anthony's Canossian Secondary School
18	Vernetta Hoong Jing Wen	St. Anthony's Canossian Secondary School

NAMES OF PRESIDENT'S SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2011

1	Heng Lei Kiat Leon	Anglo- Chinese School (Independent)
2	Lee E'thye Damian	Anglo- Chinese School (Independent)
3	Lieu Shi Yang	Hwa Chong Institution
4	Lo Sheng Hong	Hwa Chong Institution
5	Ng Jun Da Nelson	Hwa Chong Institution
6	Ng Yin Hong	Hwa Chong Institution
7	Wan Tze Chien Collin	Hwa Chong Institution
8	Chiang Kar Mun	East Spring Secondary School
9	Chandan Partab Mansukhani	Ngee Ann Secondary School
10	Chua Seng Yew	Catholic High School