



NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Singapore World Water Day 2019 Make Every Drop Count

World Water Day is held annually on 22 March, a day designated by the United Nations (UN) to highlight the importance of freshwater.

In Singapore, PUB, the national water agency, celebrates Singapore World Water Day throughout the month of March by rallying the community to show their appreciation for water and reinforce the importance of using water wisely. The theme for Singapore World Water Day 2019 is “Make Every Drop Count”.



Arrival of President Halimah Yacob at Marina Barrage for the Singapore World Water Day 2019.



President Halimah addressing the audience at SWWD 2019.

Three top winners and five consolation winners were selected and their images were exhibited on 2 March 2019 at the Marina Barrage during the launch of Singapore World Water Day by Mdm Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore and attended by Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources.

In support of Singapore World Water Day 2019, the National Youth Achievement Award Council, in partnership with PUB, organized a nationwide photography competition titled “Take A Shot, Save The Drops” in January 2019. The competition ignited the creative minds of young people as they captured their perspectives of water conservation through their lens. More than 500 image submissions were received and the judges, comprising award-winning professional photographers, had a difficult time selecting the winners.



Official launch of the Singapore World Water Day 2019.



NYAA Executive Director, Mr James Soh presenting the *Take a Shot, Save the Drops* book to the President.

At the launch, President Halimah Yacob said that while the Government will continue to plan and invest in infrastructure to ensure a secure, diversified and sustainable supply of water, Singaporeans must play their part and use water wisely. Each drop of water does not come easy. Water conservation goes beyond a mere campaign, it has to be a sustained and collaborative effort.

One of the Sustainable Development Goals under the United Nations' 2030 Agenda is having access to clean water and sanitation. Singapore is doing well on this front with its tap water well within the World Health Organisation's drinking water guidelines.

In support of the Singapore World Water Day celebration on 2 March 2019, the National Youth Achievement Award Council and its close partner, the Institute of Technical Education, sent a combined youth contingent of 150 members for the mass walk to commemorate the event.



President with winners of the photography competition, sponsor and officials.

"I hope that the photos featured in the commemorative book will encourage and inspire our youths to appreciate our water resources through the practice of water conservation habits. Just as drops of water come together to form a mighty ocean, all of us have a part to play in water conservation."

Halimah Yacob
President of the Republic of Singapore

Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources presented the top three prizes to the winners. Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources presented the five consolation prizes at the SWWD 2019 reception.



President viewing the photos of the winners of the photography competition.

The winners of the nationwide photography competition were put on display at the event to raise awareness among the 3000 participants on the importance of water conservation.

Winners of the photography competition were presented to President Halimah Yacob and the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Mr Masagos Zulkifli and Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Amy Khor at the exhibition booth.



Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources presenting a plaque and a book to Ms Connie Wu, Chief Executive Officer, Sunray Woodcraft Construction Pte Ltd.



Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources presenting the 1st prize to Ms Dilyana Valentinova Docheva of Cedar Girls' Secondary School.



Minister Masagos Zulkifli presenting the 3rd prize to Mr Joel Chew of Singapore University of Social Sciences.



Group photo of the NYAA-ITE Contingent.