

Launch of REhub for School Recycling League

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Speech by Cora Environment Group CEO

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Teachers and Students,

A very good morning to you all.

Last month, we officially unveiled our new identity – Cora Environment, formerly known as SembWaste. The name “Cora” is inspired by *collaboration* and *heart*, reflecting our belief that people, purpose, and planet must be at the core of everything we do.

But this is more than a name change. It marks a renewed commitment to rethink the waste value chain, and to shape a future where zero waste is not just a goal – but a reality. And we know we cannot do this alone. That is why collaboration is at the heart of Cora Environment.

In that spirit, we are proud to be part of the National Environment Agency’s Clean & Green Singapore campaign – and being its first satellite event of the flagship programme.

Also central to today’s launch event is our partnership with Mee Toh School and the support of the Sembcorp-Energy-for-Good fund – both of which have been instrumental to bringing our shared vision to life.

LAUNCH OF REHUB AT MEE TOH SCHOOL

Schools are where young minds grow – where values are shaped, and civic responsibility is nurtured. In today’s digital age, we want to complement learning with smart recycling infrastructure that makes sustainability second nature.

Our journey with Mee Toh School began in 2023, when they joined our School Recycling League. We started small – collecting plastics only – and Mee Toh made a strong start with 330kg. Since then, they have emerged as true environmental champions – with a strong focus on recycling and upcycling across multiple streams.

Using jumbo bags, Mee Toh went on to collect an impressive 2,400kg of plastics, paper, glass, metal, and e-waste – earning the Gold Award in the Primary School category in 2024. That is a remarkable achievement, and I think you should give yourselves a well-deserved round of applause! (claps) This success reflects the

dedication of your students and educators, and your commitment to sustainability has helped us grow and evolve the programme.

Through ongoing engagement, we learned that jumbo bags alone were no longer sufficient. The school needed better, smarter infrastructure to support larger volumes and streamline the recycling process.

And so, Mee Toh School becomes the first to pilot our new initiative – REhub. REhub is a smart recycling station that collects paper, metal cans, beverage cartons, and plastics – helping students recycle correctly and consistently. With real-time data tracking, educators can spark engagement through creative initiatives like inter-class competitions.

We are committing to launch 100 REhubs across participating schools in our School Recycling League. This will support clean stream recycling at source, empower educators to integrate sustainability into everyday learning, and nurture a generation of environmentally responsible citizens.

VISION FOR CORA SCHOOL RECYCLING LEAGUE

The REhub is just one part of a much bigger picture.

Since launching the Cora School Recycling League in 2023, over 400 schools have joined us in building a culture of environmental responsibility. With support from the Sembcorp-Energy-for-Good fund, we have expanded the programme and upgraded recycling infrastructure.

Last year alone, students collected 15 tonnes of recyclables – a powerful reminder that change begins with education and community.

We hope more schools will follow Mee Toh's lead – not just in recycling, but in equipping students with real-world environmental skills. Whether it's engaging with corporates, forming a Sustainability Exco Committee, or driving school-wide initiatives, these are the kinds of actions that shape future sustainability leaders. I'll admit... when I was a student, I never had the chance to be part of something so real and exciting. But that was many, many years ago... so let's not go there!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Today is about more than launching a new bin. It's about taking a bold step forward in our journey toward a sustainable Singapore.

Let's remember: small actions, multiplied across schools and communities, lead to big change. Together, we can build a future that's cleaner, greener, and more resilient – and today's launch is just the beginning.

To the students here today: when you choose to recycle, you're giving waste a second life – and giving our planet a brighter future. Thank you.