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BCA CEO FIRST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO BE CONFERRED THE WORLDGBC CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Dr John Keung received this year's prestigious award which recognises visionary leaders in the global sustainability movement

Hong Kong, 30 October 2015 – The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) has conferred its prestigious Chairman's Award 2015 on Dr John Keung, Chief Executive Officer of the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Singapore, to honour his energy and passion in advancing the global sustainability movement. Dr Keung was one of three recipients this year and the first recipient from Southeast Asia since the launch of the award in 2011. He accepted the award at the WorldGBC Congress held in Hong Kong on 29 October 2015. He was nominated by the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC), an established member of the WorldGBC since 2009, which has been working very closely with the BCA to green the local built environment through a variety of initiatives and programmes.



Dr John Keung (CEO of the BCA Singapore, centre) received the WorldGBC Chairman's Award from Mr Bruce Kerswill (Chairman of WorldGBC, right) and Ms Terri Wills (CEO of WorldGBC, left) at the WorldGBC Congress Gala Dinner 2015 held in Hong Kong on 29 October 2015.

2 As CEO of BCA, Dr Keung spearheaded Singapore's green building movement with the launch of the nation's first Green Building Masterplan in 2006. Forming the backbone of the Masterplan was the BCA Green Mark scheme, which served as benchmark for evaluating environmental sustainability in buildings. The scheme has emerged as the leading green building rating system of the tropics and sub-tropics today. Under Dr Keung's leadership, the green building movement took off in Singapore, with the subsequent formulation of the second and third Green Building Masterplans.

3 BCA's efforts in the movement achieved international recognition, with key milestones such as the establishment of a Centre for Sustainable Buildings with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2011, and the honour of being the first government agency outside of America and Europe to receive the International Star (I-Star) Award from US-based Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) in 2013. Moving ahead, BCA continues to champion the vision of Singapore as "a global leader in green buildings with special expertise in the tropics and sub-tropics, enabling sustainable development and quality living".

4 Mr Bruce Kerswill, Chairman of WorldGBC said, "Dr Keung's efforts have been instrumental in advancing the movement, in raising awareness of the challenges the world faces and most importantly, in implementing policies and initiatives that advance the green building movement. The WorldGBC Chairman's Award recognises his vision and leadership, and we congratulate him on his achievements."

5 Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, President of the SGBC, congratulated the achievements of Dr Keung. He said, "Dr Keung has been instrumental in the greening of Singapore's built environment with the Green Mark scheme and in supporting the green building movement here, including the founding of the Singapore Green Building Council. This has placed Singapore on the world map for green building excellence and leadership. It is a privilege for SGBC to nominate Dr Keung for such a prestigious Award, and we are very glad that his contributions are now recognised by Green Building Councils worldwide. This is a well-deserved testament to the efforts that Dr Keung has invested in advancing the green building movement".

6 Dr Keung reflected, "I am deeply humbled and honoured to receive this award. Our success would not have been possible without the commitment and close collaboration of the government, non-government organisations and industry stakeholders and the dedication and hard work of my colleagues in BCA. I dedicate this award to all my colleagues in BCA, our stakeholders and partners for their continuous support and invaluable contributions in creating a sustainable built environment. I would like to express sincere thanks to SGBC for the nomination, and WorldGBC for the award. I look forward to even closer collaborations with our stakeholders and partners for many more years to come."

Enclosed:

Annex A – Information on the WorldGBC Chairman's Award

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About Building and Construction Authority

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore champions the development of an excellent built environment for Singapore. BCA's mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, as these are four key elements where BCA has a significant influence. In doing so, it aims to differentiate Singapore's built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Hence, its vision is to have "a future-ready built environment for Singapore". Together with its education arm, the BCA Academy, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that help shape a future-ready built environment for Singapore.

For more information, visit www.bca.gov.sg.

About Singapore Green Building Council

Established in 2009, the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) champions efficient green building design, practices and technologies, and drives environmental sustainability in the building and construction industry. SGBC administers the Singapore Green Building Product & Services labelling schemes, setting standards and benchmarks for green building products and services in Singapore and the region. As an Established Member of the World Green Building Council, SGBC is also part of a wide global network of green building councils in more than a hundred countries.

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Annex A – Information on the WorldGBC Chairman’s Award

1 Working in more than 100 countries around the globe, the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) is the world’s largest organisation influencing the sustainable built environment. The WorldGBC connects the leaders of the green building movement as a network of national Green Building Councils, with a membership of approximately 25,000 companies and other organisations, all with the aim of transforming the sustainability of the built environment and enabling sustainable living.

2 First launched in 2011, the prestigious WorldGBC Chairman's Awards are given to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the global sustainability movement. The award winners’ efforts have been instrumental in advancing the sustainability movement and raising awareness of the challenges the world faces. The Chairman's Awards allow the WorldGBC to recognise their vision and leadership.

3 Dr John Keung was one of three recipients accepting the award at the WorldGBC Congress 2015 Gala Dinner held in Hong Kong on 29 October 2015. The other two recipients were Paul King (former CEO of the UK Green Building Council) and Ed Mazria (Founder of 2030 Districts).

4 For more information on the award and profiles of past winners, please visit the WorldGBC website at: <http://www.worldgbc.org/activities/worldgbc-awards/chairmans-awards>.