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BCA'S GREEN MARK: INSPIRING THE YOUNG AND ADVANCING RWANDA'S GREEN BUILDING JOURNEY

Singapore, 7 Sept 2016 – The Rwanda Housing Authority (RHA) will collaborate with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) for the development of Rwanda's green building standards, taking reference from the BCA Green Mark scheme. A Memorandum of Understanding on capacity building, knowledge exchange and business collaboration in the area of green building was inked at this evening's International Green Building Conference (IGBC) Welcome Reception, witnessed by Senior Minister of State for National Development, Mr Desmond Lee, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Rwanda to Singapore, H.E. Guillaume Kavaruganda, and BCA Chief Executive Officer, Dr John Keung. This collaboration further augments BCA's aspiration for Singapore to become a global leader in green buildings with special expertise in the tropics and sub-tropics, enabling sustainable development and quality living.



BCA and the Rwanda Housing Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on capacity building and the sharing of best practices in the design and development of green buildings and cities.

At the welcome reception, SMS Desmond Lee also presented awards to the winners of the BCA-SIA-SGBC International Tropical Architecture Design (ITAD) Competition for Institutes of Higher Learning and the Climate Innovation Challenge (CIC). The two sustainability-themed competitions saw strong participation and the submission of many innovative and sustainable design ideas and building solutions from both local and international students. Emerging top for the ITAD competition is an individual submission by a female student from Indonesia's Parahyangan Catholic University. Her winning entry of "The Nexus Project" integrates social and environmental performance for improved quality of life, demonstrating a successful approach of combining the adaptive use of building materials, climatic mitigation, aesthetics and community development. The project is based in Kampung Melayu, one of the largest slum areas in Central Jakarta, Indonesia.



Indonesian student Maria Vanessa from Parahyangan Catholic University won the top award for the BCA-SIA-SGBC International Tropical Architecture Design (ITAD) Competition for Institutes of Higher Learning.

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