



**CITY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED**



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### **NUS AND CDL TO DEVELOP GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is pleased to announce its long-term partnership with City Developments Limited (CDL) to develop viable solutions to pressing environmental challenges.

**This agreement, which is signed with the University's School of Design and Environment (SDE) through its Master of Science (Environmental Management) (MEM) programme, marks the first partnership between the NUS and a leading property developer in the area of environmental management.**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL and Professor Heng Chye Kiang, Dean of SDE. Witnessing the signing ceremony was Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-At-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the MEM programme's Advisory Committee. Also present at the ceremony was Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS' Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost.

Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL remarked, "CDL is excited and honoured to be part of this unique partnership with NUS. This forward-looking initiative will move Singapore's green efforts one step ahead. Together with NUS researchers, we can leverage on each other's expertise and put them to good practical use in our developments, with the aim of improving the lifestyles of our home owners and tenants, and the quality of the environment. We look forward to a rewarding and mutually beneficial cooperation with NUS."

The MoU signifies the intention of both CDL and NUS to collaborate closely on developing workable solutions to ensure the sustainability of the built environment. It will provide a framework for joint research collaboration between CDL and NUS to develop innovative features and solutions in the environmental aspects of property development, building management and facilities management. The scope of the collaboration will include joint research projects and the pooling and exchange of ideas, expertise and resources; as well as the joint organisation of and participation in conferences and seminars on environmental issues.

Professor Heng Chye Kiang, NUS' Dean of SDE said, "With the multi-disciplinary approach of the MEM programme, the School is confident that the programme will provide a comprehensive foundation for professionals, particularly those who have an influential role in the management of the environment for the benefit of society. With its mission to train leaders and managers, the programme will help promote sustainable development and the better management of resources for future generations. CDL is a logical partner with its strong commitment to the sustainability of the built environment."

Through this new partnership with CDL, students and faculty members at NUS will have the opportunity to engage in actual projects in a real-life environment and appreciate first-hand the needs of modern buildings and the challenges of resource conservation in a small and very

densely populated country. These collaborative efforts are expected to reap results that will enhance Singapore's reputation as a leading proponent of sound land use planning with intelligent and environmentally-friendly buildings in ecologically sustainable environments.

This synergistic partnership harnesses the distinctive capabilities of NUS in education and research with the established track record of a developer whose name has become synonymous with green developments. The collaboration will add a new dimension to NUS' uniquely multi-disciplinary MEM Programme, hosted by SDE and taught by experts from seven different NUS faculties and schools comprising Arts & Social Sciences, Business, Design & Environment, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Science.

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**About the National University of Singapore (NUS)**

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is a multi-campus university of global standing, with distinctive strengths in education and research and an entrepreneurial dimension. Its diverse and cosmopolitan community of over 30,000 students from 100 countries contributes to a rich learning and living environment across three campuses – its principal 150-hectare Kent Ridge campus, Bukit Timah campus and Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore in Outram.

NUS offers a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. There are 14 faculties offering courses from architecture to medicine to music. A special feature of NUS education is the global dimension of its courses in partnership with some of the world's best institutions. NUS also enjoys a close teaching-research association with 14 national-level, 20 university-level and more than 80 faculty-based research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and a 'no walls' collaborative culture forms the bedrock of NUS' research-intensive vibrancy. A spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation promotes creative enterprise university-wide. This is aided by a venture support eco-system that helps students, staff and alumni nurture the development of start-ups into regional and global companies.

NUS plays an active role in international academic networks such as the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU). It is ranked amongst the best universities in the world, and is well-regarded for disciplines such as Technology, Biomedicine and the Social Sciences.

*More information on NUS can be found at [www.nus.edu.sg](http://www.nus.edu.sg)*

## **About the Master of Science (Environmental Management) Programme**

Hosted by the School of Design and Environment, this programme is the first multi-faculty graduate programme in NUS and is taught by senior academic staff from six other faculties in the University including the NUS Business School, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering, Law, Science and the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

The programme also draws upon the expertise of established local and international environmental agencies and institutions. In particular, the programme has an MoU with Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, which provides for mutual visits of faculty members to pursue research, teach and conduct seminars and training programmes as well as the exchange of scientific, academic and technical information and materials.

The programme seeks to achieve the objectives of:

- Providing an internationally recognised graduate degree in environmental management for senior and mid-level managers in the public and private sectors and non-government organisations.
- Equipping graduates with the necessary inter-disciplinary knowledge to properly manage the environment and to deal with the challenges of an environmentally-conscious society and international market.
- Enabling graduates to assume responsible and influential roles in the public and private sectors and to make environmentally-sound decisions that support sustainable development.

## **About City Developments Limited (CDL)**

As Singapore's property pioneer, CDL is a listed conglomerate with a track record of some 22,000 luxurious and quality homes in Singapore and the region. Beyond shaping the cityscape with architectural icons such as The Sail @ Marina Bay and One Shenton, CDL has been leading the industry with green building innovation since the 1990s. Testament to its commitment and exceptional contributions towards sustainable development, CDL was awarded the President's Award for the Environment in 2007 and the inaugural BCA Green Mark Champion Award this year. In championing the green cause, CDL not only focuses on engaging its stakeholders and the wider community through various platforms – but also in cultivating environmental consciousness and action amongst the next generation.

*More information on CDL can be found at [www.cdl.com.sg](http://www.cdl.com.sg)*

## **About CDL's Commitment to Sustainable Development**

As a BCA Green Mark Champion, CDL seeks to continually improve the way it designs and manages its properties, with environmental sustainability in mind. It strives towards innovation, to look at other renewal resources, investigate fresh ideas and invest in new technologies with a view to not only develop and manage green properties – but to do so even more efficiently.

In anticipation of environmental issues becoming more acute, CDL seeks to adopt better solutions which will help address these green challenges and strive to incorporate features that make its buildings ecologically sound and sustainable.

This collaboration is synergistic with CDL's commitment to being a green developer and partnering like-minded institutions which will help to further enhance CDL's environmental goals. It is a great privilege for CDL to be able to tap on the best minds in the Environmental Management Programme and the resources of NUS, and collaboratively apply their collective thinking to these problems.