

OCT 06

A Quarterly Publication by City Developments Limited

# City News



**The Quayside Isle**  
Romantic Waterfront Village Meets Tropical Paradise

**CUVÉE**  
Synonymous with *Haute Cuisine & Wine*



# THE QUAYSIDE ISLE

## ROMANTIC WATERFRONT VILLAGE MEETS TROPICAL PARADISE

What would you do with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create a distinctive development at Sentosa Cove's only commercial site? CDL envisions a modern and intimate masterpiece, where human and natural elements intertwine.

Imagine the smooth fluidity of the sea, a lushly undulating landscape and a majestic gliding "seahorse" that anchors the peninsula. This is what visitors can expect at The Quayside Isle on Sentosa Cove. The concept blends elements from our natural environment into its architecture, enhancing the beauty and attraction of nature itself. The grand design comprises a proposed seven-storey, 320-room five-star hotel; a three-storey waterfront commercial site; and a six-storey condominium development. Collectively, they represent the epitome of the tropical resort experience.

*The tree-lined waterfront promenade – combining a collection of luxury lifestyle shops and elegant restaurants, the design of this three-storey retail and commercial development provides panoramic views of the surrounding sea. The waterfront promenade also enhances outdoor commercial activities.*





*Pamper yourself at the Westin Hotel – like a gliding “seahorse” anchoring the peninsula, this seven-storey waterfront lifestyle hotel comprises about 320 rooms.*

## Hotel

Returning once again to Singapore, the internationally renowned Westin brand will create the ultimate luxury retreat at this five-star waterfront hotel. Exclusivity, modernity and rejuvenation, all trademarks of The Westin experience, will perfectly complement the essence of The Quayside Isle. With a delicate “seahorse” anchoring the peninsula, hotel guests will be enchanted by the lush resort island floating on pools of seemingly different levels.

## Commercial

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lush waterfront promenades, or be enthralled by the panoramic views from the glass-clad three-storey commercial development. It will offer lifestyle necessities from book and music stores, fashion boutiques, art galleries to SOHO Suites. There is even a gourmet market for the really indulgent. Have a quick bite at the café, dine *alfresco* by the waterfront or drop by the bakery for some take-away. You could also hop into the gym, spa or fitness centres that come complete with concierge services.

## Residential

The gentle lapping of waves, paired with slender and elegant overlapping roof columns, showcase this ultra-luxurious residential development at The Quayside Isle. Arching slightly, a floating ceiling hovers lightly above the roof-top garden terraces. Partake in the privilege of residing in one of the 236 apartments, each offering spectacular views.

### At a Glance

CDL was awarded the coveted Quayside Collection site based not only on price, but other pertinent factors like design, concept, tourism appeal and strengths of the prospective lessee and operator. Collectively worth \$255 million, the entire site spans 523,246 square feet in total. The Quayside Isle, which will provide Sentosa Cove’s key entertainment and leisure amenities, is designed to be the new vibrant lifestyle centre for Sentosa Cove residents and visitors, when it opens to the public in end-2009.

### Runaway Success

Just a stone’s throw away is The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove, another luxury seafront residence by CDL. Meeting with an overwhelming response, 75% of the launched units were sold within three days. To date, about 98% of the project has been sold. With unobstructed seafront and marina views, many who missed the opportunity to be a part of this iconic development would not want to make the same mistake when the residential development at The Quayside Isle is launched. The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove is a joint venture between CDL and TID Pte Ltd.



*The Ultra-Luxurious Residences – strategically positioned to maximise the views, this six-storey high residential development will comprise about 236 units.*



# CDL RECORDS REMARKABLE PROFITS FOR 1H 2006



▲  
*The Oceanfront show suites are open for viewing from 9.30am to 6.00pm daily or contact the sales office at Tel: (65) 6878 0030 for more information.*

**A**fter accounting for increased profit contributions from jointly-controlled entities, taxation and minority interests, attributable profit for 1H increased by 36.1% to \$86.1 million (restated 2005: \$63.3 million). Excluding the one-off insurance receipt in 2005, attributable profit for 1H 2005 would have been \$52.2 million. When compared against the profits for 1H 2006 of \$86.1 million, this would have resulted in an increase of 64.9%.

In the first half of 2006, the Group achieved healthy profits recognised from the presale of the high profile 1,111-unit The Sail @ Marina Bay, which is a joint venture development. Some profits were also recognised from other jointly developed projects such as Savannah CondoPark, Edelweiss Park, Parc Emily and The Pier at Robertson. The sale of the 910-unit City Square Residences, which is wholly owned by the Group, also contributed significantly to its profit.

## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES OUT-PERFORM 2005

**As at 31 Aug 2006:**

**772 units sold with turnover of S\$1.83 billion vs 2,071 units sold with turnover of S\$1.66 billion in FY2005**

This outstanding performance is a reflection of the improving property market and CDL's strategic approach to seize this upturn with the successful launches of its niche high-end developments.

### St. Regis Residences:

- CDL officially launched the much-awaited prestigious 173-unit development in early June.
- Set a new benchmark for property prices reaching over \$3,000 per square foot for an apartment.
- Response to this ultra-luxurious, one and only branded residence was overwhelming as buyers snapped up 38 of the 50 units released during the soft launch.
- To cater for more demand, two more tranches were subsequently released and so far, about 90% of the 100 units selected for release have been sold.
- This exquisite development introduced a new era of sophisticated living in Singapore where residents can enjoy the exclusive access to a myriad of professional à la carte services to be extended by the adjoining world-renowned St. Regis Hotel.

### The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove:

- CDL's 264-unit high-end seafront development was successfully launched in July.
- The response to The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove was phenomenal with almost 75% of the units snapped up within three days of its soft launch. To-date, about 98% of the units have been sold.

### Residences @ Evelyn:

- In late May, Phase One of Residences @ Evelyn was launched.
- To-date, approximately 65% of the 157 units released have been sold.
- With an elevated locale, this freehold development embraces breathtaking views of the city.

# UP CLOSE & PERSONAL WITH INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS



CDL took part in the recent 13th CLSA Investors' Forum 2006 which was well-attended by some 1,200 investors from around the world. The annual forum held in Hong Kong also attracted the participation of almost 600 representatives from some 200 companies in the Asia Pacific region.

Bringing together investors and corporations, the Forum was an effective platform for participating corporations to provide an update of their business performance, strategies, and share success stories. With the presence of Ministers of Finance from nine countries plus many international analysts and economists, the Forum offered an insight into the growth prospects of the global and regional economies.

During his presentation, CDL Managing Director Mr Kwek Leng Joo gave an update on the company's sterling performance in the recent two years. He shared his views on Singapore's robust economy and property market, as well as CDL's growth strategies and blueprint for development.

Mr Kwek attributed CDL's continued success to key strategies such as its strong branding and track record, its pioneering spirit in setting trends for new lifestyle developments, the ability to capture niche markets and to deliver quality product as well as its prudent land bank management and expansion strategy. The launches of exclusive projects such as The Sail @ Marina Bay, St. Regis Residences and The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove were also cited as some of the key benchmarks of its success.

His presentation enjoyed one of the highest turnouts at the Forum, given the growing investment interest in the Singapore property market and in CDL. Mr Kwek believes that Singapore's successful transformation into an international hub of many sectors like MICE, biotechnology, research, etc. and its investor-friendly policies will benefit the property market. He expects strong investment sentiment, corporate expansion, rising commercial rents and escalating prices of high-end residential developments to further boost the market.

CDL was widely regarded by the participating analysts and investors alike as the choice investment. Amongst the many participating developers, CDL had the privilege to be listed on CLSA's annual "High Conviction Research Calls" as one of this year's "buy" calls, crediting it as the developer of "the epitome of luxury homes" in Singapore.

Apart from the corporate presentation, the CDL team also had private meetings with some 40 major institutional investors.



(Above) Raising CDL's profile in the global investment community, MD Mr Kwek Leng Joo presents the group's business and growth strategies to nearly 100 international institutional investors. (Below) Mr Kwek together with Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong and Chief Financial Officer Ms Goh Ann Nee fielding questions from investors.



**"City Developments is our top pick for the sector — it is one of the best ways to play the Singapore high-end residential boom, apart from buying a physical property yourself."**

Ms Emily Loh  
Property Analyst, CLSA

# CDL HOSPITALITY TRUSTS PRICE SOARS BY OVER 37% SINCE IPO

Riding on the strong growth of the hospitality sector, CDL's subsidiary, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc, announced its initial public offering of CDL Hospitality Trusts (CHT) on 19 July this year.

In its trading debut, CHT's trading price rose to \$0.85 and it has been trading above its IPO price of \$0.83 ever since. On 5 October, CHT closed at \$1.14, more than 37% above its IPO price.

CHT is the first hotel REIT in Singapore and is a stapled group comprising CDL Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust (H-REIT) and CDL Hospitality Business Trust.

H-REIT's initial asset portfolio comprises Orchard Hotel Singapore, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, M Hotel Singapore, Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore and Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade.

Off to a great start, Mr Hsieh Fu Hua, CEO of Singapore Exchange Limited (left) and CDL Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng striking the gong to mark the commencement of trading of CDL Hospitality Trusts on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange.





# CUVÉE — SYNONYMOUS WITH HAUTE CUISINE AND WINE

Swirl the esters and nibble delectable *haute cuisine* delights at *CUVÉE* — prepare yourself for an epicurean experience like no other.



Taking Singapore's wine-and-dine culture to new heights is *CUVÉE*, the brainchild of Tower Club, Singapore's premier private business club.

Located at Republic Plaza in the heart of Raffles Place, it is the first and only *haute cuisine* venue here where diners can sample their choice of wines by using the state-of-the-art Enomatic Wine Serving System. This self-dispensing wine-tasting and serving system allows diners to pair 32 premium wine samples from around the world with their meal. This does not even include an extensive list of top-notch wines from the new and old worlds, as well as premium champagnes.

Executive Chef Felicien Cueff of Tower Club was given free rein in designing an exquisite menu of culinary genius at very palatable prices. Not to be missed is a raw bar, serving sushi and fresh seafood, including top-quality sashimi and the best oysters from Brittany, France. Topping it all off is a generous assortment of first-grade imported cheeses, available exclusively at *CUVÉE*.

***CUVÉE* is open to the public  
Mondays to Fridays  
11.00am to 9.00pm**

Please call **6438 0591** for reservations.



# CITY GEMS



King's Centre Plot  
Three development  
— a striking silhouette  
in the city skyline.



# MASTERPIECES OF SPLENDOUR AND DISTINCTION

Hot on the heels of CDL's successful property launches this year, the Group is excited to unveil two new projects; King's Centre Plot Three development and the redevelopment of No. 1 Shenton Way. Set in prime locations, both embody exceptional architecture and impeccable quality — signature trademarks of a CDL development.

**W**ake up in the morning to a beautiful view of the serene Singapore River. This is just one of the many advantages of living at King's Centre Plot Three development, located by the waterfront next to Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. This exclusive 30-storey freehold development, which will be within walking distance of many amenities, will accommodate 175 residences, most of which will boast panoramas of the Singapore River.

Modern architectural forms that are clean yet elegantly graceful perfectly complement their richly urban surroundings. King's Centre Plot Three development's timeless design also makes certain that all personal living and common spaces indulge your desires for privacy, comfort and functionality.

Dynamic passages ensure that residents easily enjoy the numerous facilities and lush landscape, which includes calming water features, aesthetically charming sculptures and brilliant illumination.

Another eagerly anticipated launch on the cards is the redevelopment of No. 1 Shenton Way (formerly Robina House), located in the heart of the city at the edge of Marina Bay. This architectural iconic jewel is designed by world-renowned architect Carlos Ott. Rising 50 storeys and 42 storeys high with 341 apartments, its twin towers will not only enhance the Singapore city skyline but also reflect the vibrancy of the new Business Financial Centre and Marina Bay.

Inner-city living in Singapore will truly be transformed at the new downtown at Marina Bay with many upcoming attractions. These range from the Integrated Resort, waterfront promenades and Gardens by the Bay, to a host of convention, leisure, commercial and entertainment facilities that will create a dynamic and exciting 24/7 city.

▼ No.1 Shenton Way – this stunning and distinctive masterpiece, with its unique hanging facilities and penthouses, will have passers-by in awe.



# MILLENNIUM & INTERNATIONAL





# COPTHORNE MANAGES ITS FIRST HOTEL IN CHINA

On 18 October this year, Millennium & Copthorne International Limited will officially unveil its first hotel in China — the Millennium Hongqiao Hotel Shanghai. This is a management contract signed with the hotel's Chinese owner, the Shanghai Workers Union.

The five-star Millennium Hongqiao Hotel Shanghai is located along Yan An Xi Road, in the heart of Shanghai's bustling commercial and residential district. The hotel is close to convention and exhibition venues, up-market residential communities and exciting entertainment options.

The Millennium Hongqiao Hotel is only a 10-minute drive away from Hongqiao Airport and a 40-minute drive from Pudong International airport.

With 1,000 square metres of exclusive function space, two pillar-free ballrooms and nine function rooms, the Millennium Hongqiao is well-equipped to meet the demands and expectations of conference organisers. The hotel's state-of-the-art meeting facilities include the *de rigueur* wireless broadband internet connection that supports high-powered business and social events.

Millennium Hongqiao will cater to the needs of business travellers and serve as a corporate retreat destination. The 369-room hotel is designed with a glass facade so that every corner of the hotel overlooks a botanical haven of lush greenery.

Guestrooms and suites are spacious and are tastefully furnished in a contemporary style. Each room comes complete with a long bath, a separate shower, an electronic safe, a flat screen LCD colour television, broadband Internet access, and electronic key access for added security.

**"We are very excited and look forward to unveiling the hotel group's first venture into China. Our Millennium Hongqiao Hotel in Shanghai comes at a time when the Asia segment of our business has experienced strong growth. We look forward to further strengthening our presence in China with our second hotel, the Millennium Beijing, scheduled to open in the capital city in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008, in time for the Beijing Summer Olympics."**

Mr Kwek Leng Beng  
Chairman of Millennium & Copthorne  
Hotels plc (a subsidiary of CDL)



# ORCHARD HOTEL'S ERIC TEO COOKS UP A STORM



Orchard Hotel's Executive Chef Eric Teo has been doing our Singapore hotels proud. He has been appointed Team Adviser for this year's Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg this November. This is a prestigious cooking competition held every four years involving professional chefs from around the world.

Chef Teo, who has competed in several Culinary World Cups, will lead this year's national team as they battle participants from 34 countries. Teams will face an international jury of cooking specialists who will assess them on their cooking techniques, as well as taste and presentation of their dishes.

The team received special mention by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong who, in his National Day Rally, commended Singapore's chefs for competing on an international stage. Mr Lee wished the Culinary World Cup team well.

Chef Teo is no stranger to accolades — he made history when he became the first ethnic Chinese president of the Singapore Chefs Association. He was captain of Singapore's national team, which walked away with a total of five gold medals, in the 2000 Culinary Olympics, 2002 Culinary World Cup and 2004 Culinary Olympics. Recently, Chef Teo also clinched the title of Executive Chef of the Year at the World Gourmet Awards of Excellence 2006.

◀ Orchard Hotel Executive Chef Eric Teo is the Singapore Team Adviser for this year's Culinary World Cup.



# GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT'S “IRON CHEFS” WIN 2006 CHEF **RAS** COMPETITION

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel won the title of Chef RAS (Restaurant Association of Singapore) 2006 after beating stiff competition from other prestigious hotels and restaurants like Conrad Centennial and Michaelangelo's Restaurant Group. The final face-off on 31 July saw the hotel battling The Society of Chinese Cuisine Chefs.



## 1. Appetiser– ‘RACIAL HARMONY’

- Otak-otak in filo pastry
- Amuse boudie of chilli crab
- Marinated scallop with ginger flower lassi

## 2. Soup– ‘CHINATOWN’

Pigeon *bak kut teh* on mushroom egg custard with paper-wrapped pigeon leg

## 3. Fish dish– ‘MY ISLAND HOME’

Pan-seared cod with eggplant *yong tau fu* served with a fluffy laksa sauce

## 4. Meat dish– ‘WATERFRONT BLISS’

Venison stuffed with crispy vegetables and baked with a *char siew* sauce

## 5. Dessert– ‘SHINING STARS’

Iced *bubur cha cha* with coconut ice cream

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel's dream team, comprising Pastry Chef Amy Ng, Pontini's Sous Chef Andrew Chan and Banquet Kitchen's Chef de Partie Chan Tuck Wai, impressed the panel of judges with their creations of uniquely Singaporean cuisine.

“We are proud to win despite facing such strong competition. I believe it's the synergy of our team that gave us our edge. We all have different strengths and putting us together as one allowed us to create unique dishes that, as individuals, would not have been quite as successful,” says Chef Amy.

In true ‘Iron Chef’ style, compulsory ingredients for the dishes were kept a secret until the day of the competition which saw the teams battling it out in front of a ‘live’ audience.

Each team was presented with an identical box containing specific key ingredients to be used in each course and were only allowed an hour to discuss and plan the five-course menu. They were given another two hours to prepare a five-course menu of an appetiser, a soup course, a fish dish, a meat dish and dessert. The surprise ingredients were scallop, cod fish, pigeon, venison, mangosteen, banana, sweet potato, mango and a jambu fruit.

# THE ART OF GIVING

Corporations are stepping forward to give back to the community. But is there a formula to responsible corporate giving? For his community involvement over the past three decades, both personally and as a business leader, Managing Director Mr Kwek Leng Joo was invited to address this hot topic at the inaugural Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and National Volunteerism & Philanthropy Conference in July.

Speaking to an audience of over 600 community and business participants, Mr Kwek provided an insight on the routes companies can take to make meaningful contributions to society. He also spoke on factors to consider when identifying causes to support.

He highlighted the need to map out a community relations strategy, one that synergised with the company's core business and complemented the interest of its management and staff. Giving takes many different forms: from outright cash donation or sponsorship to in-kind gifts of products and services, even creating a spirit of staff volunteerism.

Referring to CDL's community involvement, Mr Kwek gave special mention and recognition to City Sunshine Club, a CDL staff volunteer programme. These volunteers dedicate their own personal time to serve in the community and befriend the elderly and children-at-risk. Through their contributions, they helped to cultivate a sense of community service within the organisation.

During a plenary panel discussion chaired by Mr Simon Tay, Chairman of Singapore Institute of International Affairs, there was much thoughtful discussion about the strategies of corporate giving. Mr Tay also highlighted how there is a separate level of corporations who want to give but we do not know how to reach out to them.

Ms Claire Chiang, President of Singapore Compact for Corporate Social Responsibility and co-organiser of this conference said, "Business thrives where society also thrives, good businesses are also businesses that do good."

Engagement between corporations and the community was the focus of the two-day conference, jointly organised by Singapore Compact for Corporate Social Responsibility and the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC).



*Mr Kwek Leng Joo giving his insight on how companies can be creative in the ways they adopt their CSR initiatives.*



# FALL IN, CDL!



“CDL strongly believes in creating a conducive and supportive environment that allows NSmen amongst our employees to be fit and diligent, so that they can respond when called upon by the nation to fulfil their national duties.”

Mr Kwek Leng Joo  
CDL Managing Director

CDL was presented the prestigious Minister for Defence Award — the highest accolade accorded to employers at this year's Total Defence Awards.\*

Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean, at the Total Defence Awards Ceremony 2006 on 28 July, highlighted CDL as a company that “adopts a holistic approach to encourage NSmen to perform their best during In-Camp Training.” He made special mention of a citation submitted by 1SG George Chee, who is a CDL Quality Inspector. Mr Chee said CDL “truly encourages (its NSmen) to be more committed to serve the nation wholeheartedly and to give of (his) very best to (his) homeland.”

This special honour is only accorded to employers who have shown consistent and unequivocal support to the

Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and Homefront Ministries in national defence, National Service (NS) policies and their employees' NS activities.

CDL has various schemes in place to recognise the contributions made by its NSmen. This includes CDL's offer to match the SAF monetary reward dollar-for-dollar when employees perform well in their IPPT and even a full day's leave on the day of their IPPT test. All year round, staff games and exercise programmes are also organised to promote an active lifestyle.

Duty to the nation comes first at CDL. Indeed, for over a decade, CDL's policy has been to discourage our NSmen from applying for deferments of their NS In-Camp Training. This has been possible only with good planning and continued support from its employees.

In addition, CDL has also been inducted into the exalted Minister for Defence Awards (MiDAS) League, where it will serve as a role model for other companies.



Photo: Courtesy of National Service Affairs Department

\* Previously known as the SAF Awards for Employers and the Total Defence Awards for Civil Resource Owners.

# SINGAPORE'S YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHIC



One of Ng Yong Yi's winning works.

## Singapore Young Photographer Award (SYPA)

The inaugural SYPA achieved its aim of uncovering photography gems amongst our youth. This national award, targeting young photographers aged 13 to 25, received some 3,000 prints from 500 participants.

Asked why he had initiated the SYPA, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, CDL's Managing Director and Chairman of the SYPA steering committee, replied, "I hope to

help inject more young blood into our local photography community. Most major photo clubs have an average of five to 10 junior members below 25. This long overdue award aims to seek out and groom youths with a talent for photography. Apart from the prizes, we will offer mentorship by experienced photographers, to inspire them to hone their skills and motivate them to keep up their enthusiasm for photography. Ultimately, I would like to see this new generation of photographers do Singapore proud in the world of photographic art."

"I hope to help inject more young blood into our local photography community. Ultimately, I would like to see this new generation of photographers do Singapore proud in the world of photographic art."

Mr Kwek Leng Joo

CDL Managing Director and Chairman of SYPA steering committee

The overall SYPA winner, 20 year-old Ng Yong Yi is a true-blue photo buff. The full-time National Serviceman's passion for photography is so strong that he decided to give up his place in the Science Faculty for one in the Art & Digital Media Faculty.

SYPA and CDL YAPA winners with Guest-of-Honour Dr Vivian Balakrishnan and Mr Kwek Leng Joo at the prize presentation-cum-photo exhibition opening ceremony, held on 27 July 2006 at the Singapore Art Museum.



Apart from the two overall winners, there were seven consolation prize winners for both SYPA and CDL YAPA. These comprised three female and four male finalists, the oldest of whom is 25 and the youngest is 16. To view the winning works, please log on to [www.sypa.org.sg](http://www.sypa.org.sg).

The photo exhibition was open to the public from 28 July to 4 August 2006. It showcased the winning works, as well as special pieces by guest exhibitors, including veteran photographers Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Mr Lee Tiah Khee, Mr Darren Soh, Mr Russel Wong and Mr Steven Yee. All of them picked up photography at a young age and serve as role models for young photo buffs.



# TALENTS UNEARTHED

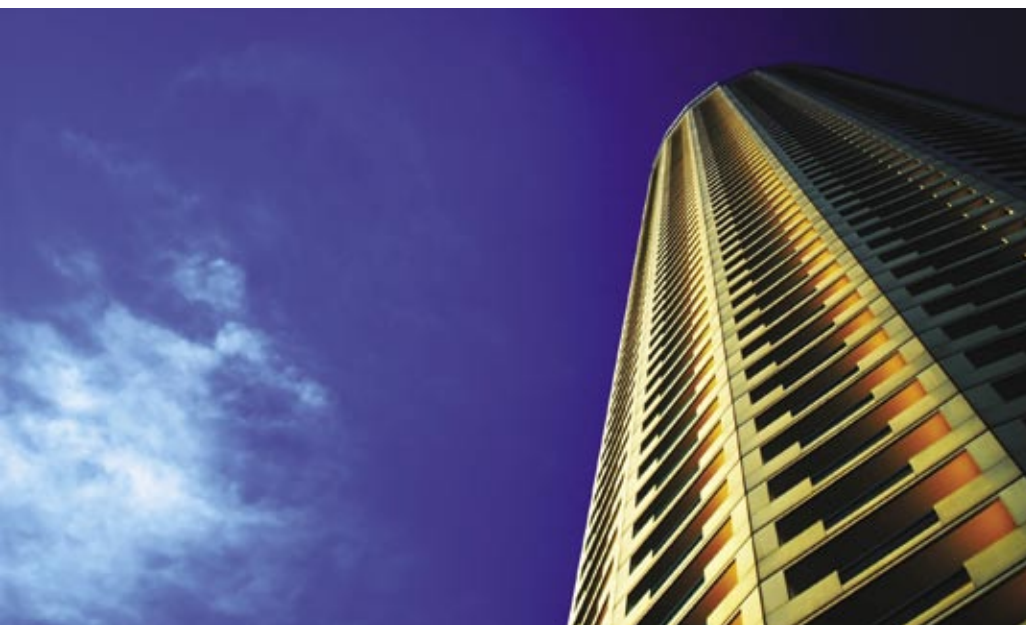
## CDL Young Architectural Photographer Award (CDL YAPA)

This award is sponsored by CDL and implemented as part of SYPA. As a developer, CDL hopes to discover young talents who appreciate architecture, and who possess the ability to capture on camera the timeless beauty and unique form of buildings and edifices. Through the CDL YAPA, we hope that young photographers will be inspired to further develop their skills and talent in the area of architectural photography.

CDL YAPA winner Kwok Kin Fei, 21, a freshman at the Singapore Management University, shared his views on what made him take part in the competition: "I've loved buildings and architecture since the age of three. I think buildings are very attractive because they bear the permanent stamp of Man. Often, I'm amazed at how they are built and I am enchanted by the kind of monumental beauty they exude. So I always like to capture them on camera – to own a part of history."

"The SYP Award is particularly significant as it is the first national level competition for youths... I am confident that it will provide new opportunities for promising young photographers to showcase their works, and encourage them to pursue their interest with greater passion."

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan  
Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts



The two architectural shots that won Kwok Kin Fei the CDL YAPA title.

# GOING GREEN FOR GREATER SAVINGS



Rising oil prices and natural disasters can disrupt business operations. That's why it makes increasingly more sense for companies to practise green habits in their office as a cost-saving measure.

One company that has enjoyed the benefits of going green is Ricoh Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. A pioneer recipient of the Green Office Certification, launched by the Singapore Environment Council in 2005, Ricoh was able to save nearly \$4,000 per year by promoting their Reduce-Reuse-Replace-and-Recycle programme in the office. The savings add up to a significant amount in years to come.

Now's the chance for you to find out how your company can join the ranks of green businesses which are enjoying continuing cost benefits. Just look out for the FREE upcoming Eco-Office Seminar happening this November to learn from this year's recipients of the Green Office Certificate. Details will be out soon on [www.ecooffice.com.sg](http://www.ecooffice.com.sg). Log on to read more about last year's recipients and pick up green tips you can use immediately in your office. Meanwhile, here are some easy-to-follow eco-office tips to help you start saving today!

**Project Eco-Office was launched in 2002 by CDL and the Singapore Environment Council to change the way we work, think, and manage precious natural resources within our offices.**

In 2004, the On-Line Eco-Office Rating System was launched to help offices perform a self-audit based on their corporate environmental policies, purchasing practices, waste recycling, and other variables. Offices that rate well on the System can apply for a Green Office Label. To-date eight offices have been audited and five have been awarded the Green Office Label. CDL is one of the first companies to be awarded the Green Office Label for an audit carried out at City House.

## Print Cartridges

- Choose a printer or photocopier that allows refillable toner cartridges and bottles.
- Exchange your old toner cartridges for a reconditioned one.
- Shaking toner cartridges gently redistributes the toner, delaying replacement and reducing wastage.

## Indoor Air Quality

- Add more plants to your office to help purify the air with fresh oxygen.
- Choose carpeting and flooring made of untreated, natural materials.
- Ensure that the photocopying or printing area is well-ventilated.

## Water

- Install water thimbles in the toilet and pantry faucets.
- Report any leaks to your building management staff.
- Choose only Green Labelled cleaning agents.

## Paper

- Place recycling bins or boxes strategically around the office.
- Email wherever possible and print only when necessary.
- Print double-sided and save unwanted single-sided printouts as draft paper.

## Energy

- Choose equipment with the Energy Star label.
- Switch off all lights, computers and other equipment when not in use.
- Turn off your monitor when not in use for more than 30 minutes and computers when not in use for more than two hours.



# GO GREEN, EAT HEALTHY, LIVE WELL!

Daily decisions we make can have an indelible impact on our environment. Practising the 3Rs — Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at home is simple and can even save you some money. Here are some creative household tips and recipes to help you go green at home for a better and healthier lifestyle while conserving the environment as well!

## Minimise Food Waste

Buy and cook only what you need.

### TIPS:

1. Leftover fresh herbs like coriander can be frozen with water in an ice-cube tray and used when needed.
2. Butter wrappers can be saved and used to line baking trays.
3. Used aluminium foil can be used to scour pots.

## Eco-Giving

Opt for gift certificates instead so you know that the gift will not be wasted.

### TIPS:

1. Make a special gift such as baked home-made goodies.
2. Cook a meal that will be well appreciated.

## Reuse or Recycle

Glass bottles, plastic containers and even tin cans are perfect for recycling and/or reusing.

### TIPS:

1. Glass bottles can be used to store beans, herbs or even small portions of oils and salad dressings for a picnic.
2. Plastic containers are good for freezing food, storing items and making ice blocks for parties.
3. Empty tin cans can be used as bases for muffins or a cookie cutter.

## Pick and Cook Right

Try to purchase free-range eggs, meat and organically grown products. Keep pots covered when cooking to save energy and to keep the nutrients in the food.

### TIPS:

1. Boil eggs or potatoes while steaming dumplings.
2. Do not use aluminium foil in cooking as microscopic amounts of metal can be oxidised into the food.

## Interesting Recipes

**1. Window Cleanser:** spray windows with a mixture of three tablespoons' vinegar and 500ml of water in a spray bottle. Wipe with a cloth or newspaper. This concoction can also be used as a general cleaner on most surfaces.

**2. Drain Cleaner:** pour 1/2 cup of baking soda down the sink followed by one cup of vinegar. Put the cover over the drain. Finally, rinse the drain with mixture of boiling water and salt. Repeat if necessary.

**3. Stain Remover:** soda crystals can be used to remove blood, ink, coffee and juice stains. Avoid using on aluminium.

**4. Oven Cleaner:** remove residual grease applying a paste of baking soda and water.

**5. Brass and Copper Polish:** sprinkle salt on half a lemon before rubbing the lemon on the surface. Also works with tamarind and salt.

Contributor: Singapore Environment Council



### City News

Advisor: Mr Kwek Leng Joo

Editor-in-chief: Ms Esther An

Editor: Ms Belinda Lee

Produced by Corporate Communications Department, City Developments Limited.

Website: [www.cdl.com.sg](http://www.cdl.com.sg)

Company Registration Number: 196300316Z

Published by City Developments Limited. No reproduction, in part or in whole, of the newsletter may be made without prior permission of the editor. The views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the organisation. Information is correct at time of printing and is subject to changes. Visual representations such as pictures and drawings are artists' impressions only and are subject to changes.

MICA (P) 188/11/2005

Designer: atomz il pte ltd

Printer: Dominie Press Pte Ltd

Printed on recycled paper



**CITY SERVICED OFFICES**  
WHERE BUSINESSES ARE MADE



*Be in business, in the heart of the city, in a league of your own, in no time.*



## Expanding to Give Your Business More Room to Grow. New Offices on Level 18 @ Republic Plaza II

- Wide Selection of Executive Office Suites at the Best Address in Town
- World-Class Business Environment with the Latest Technical, IT, Audio-Visual, Videoconferencing, Teleconferencing, City Desks, Meeting & Training Room Facilities
- Professional and Highly-Trained Business Support Team

Call us now at **+65 6823 6868** or visit  
**[www.city-servicedoffices.com](http://www.city-servicedoffices.com)**