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### PRIMARY STUDENTS SET UP AN ECO-GARDEN AT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

For the first time, City Developments Limited (CDL) and Catholic High School (Primary) are presenting a joint project on the environmental benefits of solar energy at the National Environment Agency (NEA)'s Clean and Green Week (CGW) 2005 Schools Carnival.

Earlier this year, CDL 'adopted' Catholic High School (Primary) under the NEA Adopt-a-School Scheme which aims to inculcate a sense of ownership for the environment amongst students, through green activities and partnership efforts. This has been a fruitful journey as students of Catholic High School have had an experiential opportunity to learn, observe and understand Mankind's impact on the environment and take the first step to find solutions towards environmental sustainability.

Echoing this sentiment is Mr Lee Hak Boon, Principal of Catholic High School, "If we are more conscious that the world we live in does not belong to us but is borrowed for our children's and grandchildren's generations, we will be more resolved in our effort to preserve nature."

The project "*Light Saviour*" is simple yet effective. CDL sponsored the installation of solar-powered underwater lights in the school's eco-garden pond, which enabled students from both Primary Five and Six over past weeks, to track the amount of solar energy used and compare the results with conventional sources of energy. Through well-planned lessons, the teachers further cultivate the students' interest by exposing them to real-life applications to reinforce the importance of conserving our environment through meaningful activities.

Primary 5 student, Neo Seh Woon said, "I have learnt that we can tap energy from the sun as an alternative to our current sources of energy without further damaging the earth."

The students will make their own conclusions about the environmental benefits of solar energy and its potential cost savings; findings which they will be presenting at the CGW2005 Schools Carnival **Booth A04**.

CDL has always taken pride in its commitment to be a green developer and socially responsible corporate organisation. This year, CDL is one of only two corporations to receive the Singapore Green Plan 2012 Award for leading the industry in good environmental practices and actively educating consumers and partners to adopt eco-friendly habits. Through NEA's Adopt-a-School Scheme, CDL hopes to be able to share its knowledge and help influence the young on the path of environmental consciousness early.

The exhibition will be held from 15-16 November at Suntec Exhibition Hall 403 & 404.

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