

GLENEALY PLANTATIONS RECOGNISED FOR ITS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AT THE 10TH PSEA

Glenealy Plantations was recently recognised for its Environmental Stewardship at the 10th Premier of Sarawak Environmental Award 2021/2022. Let's take a closer look at the story behind this outstanding achievement.

A Quick Glance at PSEA

The Premier of Sarawak Environmental Award (PSEA), formerly known as the Sarawak Chief Minister's Environmental Award (CMEA) is a biennial event first introduced in 2001. Since 2017, the Award is jointly organised by the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak and Sarawak Business Federation (SBF) in collaboration with other agencies.

The Award is one of the initiatives introduced by the State Government of Sarawak which aims to provide recognition to the corporate, organisation as well as individuals for environmental excellence in their day-to-day operations and processes in line with the 10th PSEA's theme, "Redefining Sustainability in Environmental Stewardship".

PSEA 2021/2022 aims to:

- Present an opportunity for public recognition on environmental accomplishment and leadership for the industries and Government sectors;
- Serves to create environmental awareness to organisation that have yet to adopt as well as demonstrate environmental stewardship;
- The outcome from the Award assessment will assist in identifying areas for improvement in these organisation or entities;
- Facilitate capacity building and deployment of partnerships to meet increasingly stringent environmental requirements and global environmental challenges including compliance with international standards.

The Objectives of the Award:

- To empower and inculcate positive attitude, and raise awareness on environmental sustainability;
- To reinforce the concept of environmental sustainability is everyone's business;
- To provide organisations with the opportunity of an independent evaluation of their environmental commitment, management and performance; and
- To recognise all those who have contributed significantly to environmental sustainability.

For the 10th PSEA, there are five main categories, namely Industries, Local Authorities, Government Sector, Eateries & Food Outlets (EFOs), and Open category. The Industries category is further divided into six main economic sectors, i.e. agriculture, resource extraction, manufacturing, construction, forestry, and services, where each sector is further subdivided into Large Enterprise, Medium Industry and Small Industry.

How the Award Assessment is Carried Out

There are 144 entries for the 10th PSEA 2021/2022, the highest number thus far, comprising 31 entries for the Large Enterprise, Medium Industry (35), Government Sector (8), Local Authorities (6), EFOs (61), and Open category (3). The assessment for the 10th PSEA is carried out in two stages.

STAGE 1: Assessment of Submissions

Submission of the Self-Evaluated Environmental Performance Report (SeEPR) by the participating organisations. The reports are evaluated against a set of criteria drawn up by the Technical Committee cum panel of judges, and only the shortlisted participants will proceed to Stage 2.

STAGE 2: On-Site Assessment for Shortlisted Participants

The Technical Committee consists of a panel of judges who will visit the sites of shortlisted participants to verify the information provided in the reports and obtain a first-hand understanding of the implementation of its environmental management performance and commitment, besides assessing the accuracy of the written submission report during Stage 1.

GPSB's Journey in the 10th PSEA

Glenealy Plantations Sdn. Bhd. (GPSB) received the invitation to join the 10th PSEA via Samling Group on 29 March 2022. GPSB sustainability team has worked with a representing estate from each centre namely Belaga 1 Estate, Jelalong 2 Estate, Jelalong 6 Estate and Lana 1 Estate, to submit the SeEPR on 29 May 2022 which include the following information and evidence in details:

- Company environmental policy, commitment and budgeting;
- Environmental management plan;
- Environmental programmes implementation, monitoring and performance appraisal;
- Environmental review and continual improvement effort;



Self-Evaluated Environmental Performance Report for Belaga 1 Estate, Jelalong 2 Estate, Jelalong 6 Estate and Lana 1 Estate

After the Stage 1 evaluation by the panel of judges, all four estates are qualified for the assessment of Stage 2, which is the on-site audit. The assessment team from the NREB and the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) conducted the site audit from 19 to 23 September 2022. The assessment team has gone through and verified all the environmental protection-related programmes and activities at the estates, which include pollution preventive measures, riparian buffer zone protection programmes, bio-diversity assessment activities, established procedures, forms and checklists. The assessment team has paid a site visit to Belaga Recovery project as well.



On-site document verification.

Site assessment at various storage facilities.

Site audit at the workshop.



Site audit at the HBV Zone.

Site visit to the project site of Belaga Recovery.

Site visit to oil palm field.

FOUR PARTICIPATING ESTATES OF GPSB WON THE AWARD

On 14 December 2022, all four of GPSB's (Glenealy Plantations Sdn. Bhd.) participating estates (Belaga 1, Jelalong 2, Jelalong 6 and Lana 1) were announced as the PSEA 2021/22 winners, amongst the 37 Gold Award winners from all the industries categories, and GPSB's four estates are the only Gold Award winners for Agriculture Medium Enterprises Categories. GPSB Acting Plantation Director, Mr. Han Boon Kwang, Head of Plantation (Malaysia), Mr. Andy Lau Seng Kee, Senior Sustainability Manager, Mr. Chieng Kai Soon and Sustainability Executive, Mr. Belden Gimman have represented GPSB to receive the awards during the award presentation ceremony at the Water Front Hotel, Kuching, presented by Datuk Patinggi (Dr.) Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak cum Chairman of the NREB, on 14 December 2022.

With these awards, GPSB's sustainability journey, especially from the environmental aspect, is gaining publicity and being recognised, which is in line with the global and national aim of protecting our environment and natural resources while dealing with climate change.



Award Ceremony

Award Certificates

As a Gold Awards Winner, GPSB enjoys the following privileges:

- A trophy and Certificate of Achievement
- Eligibility to use the Award's logo for publicity purposes without any expiry period;
- Recognition as an exemplary organisation committed to environmental protection; and
- Entitlement to a 50% discounts on course fees for one environmental protection/ awareness programme organised by the NREB for two participants.