

**News Release** 

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## CDL CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS PIONEERING 5-STAR EHS AWARDS

- More than 300 industry leaders, migrant workers and partners gathered to reinforce their commitment to health and safety in the construction sector
- Marks two decades of its 5-Star EHS Awards initiative, which has been instrumental in driving EHS performance improvements at its development sites



CDL's Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek (centre, in orange) joined the jubilant Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd team in celebrating their victory in this year's CDL 5-Star EHS Sports Challenge.

City Developments Limited (CDL) hosted its annual 5-Star Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Awards and Sports Challenge on Sunday, 17 November 2024 at SUTD Sports and Recreation Centre. The event also marked the 20th anniversary of the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards, its signature initiative to drive EHS excellence. Gathering more than 300 industry leaders, including representatives from the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, migrant workers and partners, the event signals the collective commitment of all value chain stakeholders towards workplace health and safety.

Through a series of exciting games that tested teamwork and safety knowledge, participants – migrant workers from various CDL development sites – showed grit and tenacity as they vied for first place. To complement the thematic focus on workplace safety, the event also featured an exhibition on safety standards, in addition to safety-themed game stations and photo booths.

**Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer**, said, "Workplace safety is a collective responsibility and a shared commitment to protect ourselves, our teams and our families. Starting with a safety-first mindset, everyone's actions – big or small – form the building blocks of a safer culture. Whether designing safe work plans, double-checking equipment or addressing hazards, every effort counts. As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards, we thank the BCA and WSH Council for their leadership in advancing WSH excellence, as well as our

builders, consultants and all migrant workers for their partnership in ensuring that every CDL development is clean, green and safe. Safety is our top priority and we will continue to enhance workplace safety and productivity through innovation and digitalisation, making all CDL projects a safe place to work."



The teams from United Tec Construction Pte Ltd (in yellow, left) and Woh Hup Pte Ltd (in pink, right) displayed extraordinary teamwork and determination as they battled for a winning place in the Tug of War game.

For over two decades, CDL has focused on EHS excellence at its worksites and supply chain. Starting with the CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System in 2001, which requires all its builders to undergo quarterly EHS inspections and audits by an independent auditor who grades them on a scale of one to five stars in areas such as energy, water, waste management, safety, noise and public health management. In 2005, as an extension of the initiative, the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards was launched to recognise exemplary builders and workers who excel in enhancing workplace standards for safety, health and well-being.

As part of the event, ten awards were given to recognise outstanding contributions to safety. They include the CDL EHS Excellence Award, CDL Workers' Welfare Award and CDL Safe Worker Awards. The awards were presented by WSH Council's General Manager Mr Christopher Koh, BCA's Deputy Group Director Mr Ivan Lim and CDL's Group General Manager, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong respectively, while CDL's Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek presented the prizes to the Sports Challenge winners.

For more information, please refer to: Annex A: About CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System and Awards Annex B: Winners of CDL 5-Star EHS Awards Annex C: Profiles of Selected CDL Safe Worker Award Winners

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## ANNEX A

### CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System and Awards

Pioneered in 2001, the CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System is an independent audit tool to assess, measure and improve builders' EHS management and performance.

CDL was the first private-sector developer to proactively structure a comprehensive, audited and appraised approach towards EHS involving all its builders.

Each quarter, all CDL builders undergo EHS inspections and audits conducted by an independent EHS audit firm recognised by the Ministry of Manpower. They are appraised on a scale of one to five stars, and the results are presented to their top management during quarterly CDL 5-Star EHS Seminars. These seminars are a platform to promote sharing best practices and peer learning to encourage better EHS performance amongst CDL's builders.

In 2005, the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards was introduced to motivate builders and consultants to work together to improve EHS results for environmentally-friendly, healthy and accident-free CDL worksites.

The Assessment System and Awards have been instrumental in influencing CDL's builders and consultants to monitor and improve their EHS performance.

As part of CDL's sustained efforts to improve EHS performance, it continues to evaluate and improve its existing practices, as well as foster a culture of safety across all levels of the organisation.

# <u>ANNEX B</u>

# Winners of CDL 5-Star EHS Awards 2024

Award	Winner(s)	Development
CDL EHS Excellence Award – recognises builders who have excelled in the CDL 5- Star EHS Assessment System over a one-year period (1 award)	Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd	The Myst
CDL Workers' Welfare Award – honours builders who have devoted excellent effort to ensure workers' welfare, including caring for their health, safety, living conditions and well-being (1 award)	Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd	The Myst
<b>CDL Safe Worker Awards –</b> honour workers across CDL's	Ramalingam Sivakumar	Copen Grand
worksites who have demonstrated exemplary	Hossain Mohammed Shahadat	Norwood Grand
safety awareness and knowledge	Rajbongshi Mithun	Lumina Grand
(8 awards)	Srichamnan Anucha	The Myst
	Ramachandran Ravichandran	Tembusu Grand
	Sevugan Karthikeyan	The Orie
	Ramakrishnan Rajaram	Irwell Hill Residences
	Nokthet Sommai	Newport Plaza

### Annex C

### Profiles of Selected CDL Safe Worker Award Winners

