

Media Release

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Singapore to start global Green and Sustainable Cities Initiative

VisionEdge Technologies and associated company GAC Ventures is a part of a pact of fifteen community and industry group leaders, representing more than 5000 local, regional and international organisations, to spearhead the global Green and Sustainable Cities Initiative. Launched in Singapore on 4th September 2015, the Initiative aims to get businesses, youth organisations and civil society committed to “a proactive, ground-up, ecosystem and entrepreneurial approach” to help make urban areas around the world more environmentally and economically sustainable.

Partners of the pact agree to engage “in diverse activities to facilitate the growth of Green and Sustainable Cities”, with two main purposes by developing a shared-value economy and to develop youth leaders in close academia-industry collaboration. The long-term goal is to promote the notion that “doing good well is also good for business”.

The Consortium Partners are from the United States, Australia and Singapore (in alphabetical order):

- 1) A.Alliance Design International (AADI) Architects & Planners
- 2) AIESEC-Singapore Alumni
- 3) Association of Accredited Advertising Agents Singapore (4As)
- 4) CSRWorks International
- 5) Global Compact Network Singapore
- 6) Global SEnSE Youth Services
- 7) Green Global Solutions
- 8) Green Schools Alliance (United States)
- 9) Institute of Parks and Recreation Singapore (IPRS)
- 10) J. Walter Thomson Singapore
- 11) National University of Singapore (NUS) Alumni Boston Chapter (United States)
- 12) Social SEnSE
- 13) Sustain Ability Showcase Asia (SASA) & International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)
- 14) VisionEdge Technologies & GAC Ventures

“There are many synergies as we are already part of the GYRA Consortium involved in the pilot development of the creative, cleantech and soft infrastructure clusters at the Clark Green City (CGC) in Philippines. Students will benefit as they participate in research studies and field works when helping to conduct feasibility studies on the green and sustainability opportunities at CGC under the guidance of the mentors. GAC Ventures and VisionEdge Technologies are pleased to be part of this initiative to groom the next generation of leaders in the Green Economy.” Mr Patrick Chan, the co-founder and managing director of VisionEdge Technologies and GAC Ventures said.



The MOU signing ceremony took place at the start of the Responsible Urbanism Forum, co-located with the International Green Building Conference (IGBC).

About GAC Ventures and VisionEdge Technologies

GAC Ventures is a technology aggregator with a special focus on cleantech, energy, environment and ICT. The company aims to be the platform for corporate collaboration and open innovation. The team has strong background in Clean and Low Carbon Technology, and is experienced in incubation and acceleration programmes. GAC Ventures operates two Growth Acceleration Centres (GAC) in Singapore that offers physical space and facilities, business and technology tools, as well as growth acceleration support for both early stage startups and growth stage SME companies. Regionally, it is part of the GYRA consortium involved in the development of a pilot Creative, Greentech and Soft Infrastructure cluster at Clark Green City in Philippines. Its associate company VisionEdge Technologies (VT) is the IAIR Awards 2014 winner for “the Best Company for Sustainability - Cleantech South East Asia” and the implementation consultant for Asian Development Bank (ADB)’s Low Carbon Technology Marketplace for Asia Pacific.

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