

Green Gazette

Supporting a culture of sustainability at NIE Issue 4 | Mar/Apr 2019

Green Scene

Singapore has declared 2019 as the [Year Towards Zero Waste](#). Here at NIE, check out these recent efforts by the community to go green!



Wearing **pre-loved clothing** helps one's wallet and the [planet](#). This 31 Jan event to give away secondhand clothes was held by [NIE Freecycling Folks](#) and NIE Green Clan and featured generous contributions from members of the NIE community.

Following the event, OER staff Gina Goh was inspired to create her own fashion freecycling initiative. A number of colleagues have also kindly donated formal and casual clothing in good condition. Drop by NIE5-03-57 during office hours to browse the "collection"!



Many colleagues averted non-recyclable waste by **bringing their own utensils** to OER's Lunar New Year Lunch. Prior to the event, the OER Staff Welfare Committee had pitched in by sending out a suggestion to attendees to BYO. To help reduce disposables on the supply side, slightly fewer utensils were also ordered from the caterer.

P.S. To get your own "I'm Contributing to Zero Waste" sign to display at events, email greenclan@nie.edu.sg!



The meeting of the NIE senior management encourages the use of **reusable bottles**. Cheers to a disposable-light future!

Sustainability in the News

- [2019 poised to be really hot year](#) (The Straits Times, 22 Mar 2019)
- ['Class action suit' by a million young friends of the earth](#) (The Straits Times, 16 Mar 2019)
- [Only one in 10 young Singaporeans recycles electronic waste: Survey](#) (The Straits Times, 3 Mar 2019)

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

"We should recycle right, and save and extend the lifespan of Semakau by putting just a little bit into the landfill. Semakau is a very expensive resource, and if we need to build a new Semakau, that will cost us billions of dollars."

– Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Masagos Zulkifli

"We are hopeful and committed about change. We still see hope, that's why we are fighting for it."

– Pamela Low, Singapore Youth for Climate Action

Share Your Green Initiatives

Tell us how you or your colleagues are promoting the 4Rs (refusing, reducing, reusing, and recycling)! Email greenclan@nie.edu.sg.

About Green Clan

Green Clan was formed in 2017. We are an informal group of research, faculty and admin staff interested in sustainability matters and supporting evidence-informed initiatives for sustainability. [Connect with us](#)