

PRESS RELEASE: The Green Highways Project continues its journey to Donghae, Korea from Singapore

09.09.09 marked the day when Team Singapore took on the mantle of continuing the Green Highways Project. Making its way from Jakarta, the torch and flag were passed to Team Singapore's leader Mr. William Aw. This was also another important date in the development of the CNG Industry in Singapore as it coincided with the official opening of the Guinness-certified World's Largest CNG refueling station at Old Toh Tuck Road, operated by UnionGas.

A simple ceremony was held at Smart Energy's Mandai Link station, organized by All Events Group Pte Ltd with a welcoming speech by Mr. Lee Giok Seng - the Executive Director of ANGVA. Mr. Lee reminded the attentive audience that the ANGVA Green Highways Project 2009 is not just about driving from Point A to Point B. It is about creating awareness and promoting NGV, ANGVA, and NGV infrastructure. Mr. William Aw followed suit by giving a short opening remark, highlighting the need for both the government and private sectors to closely work together to push the CNG Industry in Singapore further forward.



Welcoming speech by Mr. Lee Giok Seng



Torch Handover to Mr. William Aw



Gathering of the CNG-NGV industry



The Flag Off

The members of Singapore's CNG/NGV industry mingled and took the time to catch up with each other. On display were 2 CNG mono-fuel Buses manufactured by Sun-Long and King-Long that are currently being operated in Singapore. Also, on display was the mono-fuel Prime Mover by Sinotruk, currently plying between Smart Energy's Mandai and Serangoon stations. Shortly, a convoy 14 of NGVs was flagged off and made their way towards Smart Energy's Serangoon North Ave 5 daughter station. Arriving at Serangoon, the convoy participants spent some time to view and understand the NeoGas daughter station system.



Gathering at the Serangoon Station



At the Asian Civilization Museum

Moving off from Serangoon, the convoy made their way along CTE to downtown Singapore. Before making a photo op stop at Empress Place, before roving pass Orchard Road. The convoy then made their way to the Guinness-certified World's Largest CNG refueling station at Old Toh Tuck Road, operated by UnionGas. From there, the contingent will then set off to the GPlus CNG Station at Jalan Buroh operated by SPC and Sembcorp Gas.



At the World's Largest station



At Sembcorp Gas's GPlus CNG Station

As the final stop in Singapore, the team members took time to reflect on the significance of the day - the World's Largest station opening and the successful display of NGV technology and infrastructure in Singapore. New friends were made and a message that CNG is now entrenched in Singapore as a viable eco-friendly alternative fuel was spread throughout the journey.



Torch and Flag handover to Mr. Haikal Zubir



Forging closer friendships: Team Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia

As the sun sets in Johor Bahru on the evening of 09.09.09, Green Highways Project 2009 Team Singapore, accompanied by Team Leader Indonesia, Mr. Danny Praditya, arrived at the Tomboi Petronas station to hand over the torch and flag to the Malaysian Team headed by Mr. Haikal Zubir of Petronas. A convoy of 6 cars greeted the Singapore Team with representatives from the various NGV/CNG supporting companies throughout Malaysia. Converted cars included a Volvo and a BMW.

Quoting Mr. Lee Giok Seng - "The longest journey begins with a single step". Singapore has taken its baby steps in building its CNG infrastructure while slowly but surely growing a population of NGVs. The successful Green Highways Project 2009 Singapore leg demonstrates that it is here to stay!

Team Singapore is looking forward to seeing all new and old friends in Donghae, Korea for the 3rd Biennial International Conference and Exhibition, ANGVA 2009 from 27th to 29th October 2009.

Once again, congratulations to Team Singapore for successfully continuing the journey of the ANGVA Green Highways 2009 Project. Next stop – MALAYSIA.