

Speech by Mr Wim Roels
International Coastal Beach Clean-Up Event
SCIC “Clear Shores, Clean Waters” Campaign
20 September 2019 (Friday) 8:00AM to 11:00AM
East Coast Park, Angsana Green

GREETINGS TO DR AMY KHOR & THANK YOU TO PARTICIPANTS

Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for Environment & Water Resources,

Fellow members of the Singapore Chemical Industry Council,

Students and friends who have joined us this morning,

Thank you for being part of the “Clear Shores, Clean Waters” campaign activity today.

I am delighted to see more than 600 people coming together to help clean-up East Coast beach, in conjunction with International Coastal Clean-Up Day.

I would also like to especially thank those of you who had joined us at our earlier beach clean-ups on 26th April and 31st May, and are here again to keep our coastline clean.

SCIC’s “Clear Shores, Clean Waters” campaign to hold 3 beach clean-ups is in line with the Ministry of the Environment and Water’s initiative to designate 2019 as the Year Towards Zero Waste.

Today’s activity marks our third and final campaign event, and we are grateful to have Senior Minister of State Dr Amy Khor grace us with her presence.

THANK YOU TO SPONSORS

I would also like to acknowledge the following companies for their support for the campaign:

Air Liquide
BASF
Borouge
Brenntag
Chevron Phillips Chemical
Dow Chemical
ExxonMobil Chemical

Mitsui Chemicals
Shell Jurong Island
The Polyolefin Company

INDUSTRY COMMITMENT TO ZERO WASTE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Singapore chemical industry is committed to addressing the challenge of managing plastic waste and protecting the environment.

Currently, too much valuable plastic material is ending up in landfills and the oceans as waste.

As an industry, we are working on various initiatives around the world to enable more effective plastics after-use collection and recycling, and build a circular economy with zero leakage of plastic waste.

An example in this region is Project STOP, where STOP stands for Stop Ocean Plastics. Supported by industry and government partners, Project STOP works with Southeast cities to create effective waste management systems and eliminate marine plastics pollution.

The company I work for, Borouge, is a technical partner of Project STOP and we have been supporting its pilot project in Muncar, Indonesia, since 2017.

ADOPTION OF OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

I am also pleased to announce today the adoption of Operation Clean Sweep for the Singapore chemical industry as our latest initiative to prevent any leakage of plastics into the environment.

Operation Clean Sweep aims to ensure zero loss of plastics – not a single resin pellet, flake, and powder loss – from our operations or supply chain.

SCIC invites and encourages all our industry value chain partners to join us to commit to zero plastics loss and adopt Operation Clean Sweep.

All of us have a joint responsibility to do our part, individually and as an industry, to ensure we protect the environment and have clear shores and clean waters now and in the future.

Thank you all once again for coming. I wish you a good day ahead.