



BUKIT COURSE ATTAINS GEO CERTIFICATION

The Singapore Island Country Club (SICC) The Bukit Course has successfully achieved the coveted GEO Certified® status and joins an illustrious group of global golf clubs leading the way in accelerating sustainable practices.

Being GEO Certified® means that the golf course has achieved the most widely regarded and credible sustainability distinction in golf. Administered by Scotland-based GEO Foundation (GEO), the award is a comprehensive modern certification, developed to the highest credibility standard, to help golf facilities, developments and tournaments demonstrate and be recognised for their environmental and social responsibility. The process was extremely thorough, but Bukit Course managed to fulfil and satisfy all the demanding GEO certification criteria.

The certification process covers four core areas; to foster nature, to conserve resources, to build the community, and to take climate action. SICC, with its unique position next to a nature reserve with rich flora and fauna, will continue to focus on community engagement programmes to develop these core sustainability pillars. Richard Allison, Manager – GEO Certified (Facilities) said: “The Singapore Island Country Club shows a real commitment, desire, interest and ability across all management departments for continuous performance improvement on sustainable golf. I look forward to seeing how SICC will continue to thrive in the future.”

Club President Vincent Wee lauded the SICC team, “For us, achieving accreditation is just another step on our sustainability journey. We are now looking at how we can build on this platform, engage with and energise all the various stakeholders involved to identify and deliver further sustainable benefits for our community. Earning this international recognition underlines a truly exceptional team effort that encompasses many ongoing practical, social, and environmental initiatives that are widespread across our golf operation and beyond. For example, the



annual May Day Charity contributes to the meaningful goals of the beneficiaries, supporting and strengthening our communities. It just goes to show that we can make a difference on and off the course!”

The 98-year old Bukit Course borders the sprawling MacRitchie Reservoir, boasting more than 2,500 fully-grown trees of more than 100 varieties, is also home to a diversity of wildlife including smooth Coated otters, pangolin and prolific bird life. Despite its modest footprint for the modern game - just under about 6,200 metres - The Bukit Course with its large mature trees, gentle hills and sloping fairways makes for one of the few true traditional classic parkland layouts and extremely popular with the traditional golfer to experience.

The New Course will only undergo the process to become GEO Certified® in 2023 as the assessment criteria require the golf course to be operational for at least one full calendar year. The Island Course will not undergo any GEO certification works at the moment as the course is scheduled for redevelopment works in 2023.