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## Republic Polytechnic Partners Singapore Logistics Association To Launch New GO Carbon Management Programme

*First-of-its kind programme is supported by SkillsFuture Singapore and Workforce Singapore to equip logistics workers with skills to take on new green roles in their companies*

**Singapore, 05 September 2023** – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today partnered the Singapore Logistics Association (SLA) to launch a first-of-its-kind carbon management programme. Targeted at Singapore’s small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the new GO Carbon Management Programme (goCMP) will empower business owners and employees to understand the carbon emissions produced by their operations and help facilitate their progressive transition towards net-zero emissions.

The latest initiative is aligned with Singapore’s Green Plan 2030 and supports the country’s ambition of achieving net zero emissions by 2050. Currently, companies around the world are placing emphasis on sustainability and updating their relevant operations and processes to align with the latest regulations.

RP’s partnership with SLA is thus timely as a recent survey by QBE revealed a concerning trend among SMEs in Singapore to deprioritise social and environmental initiatives, with only 52 per cent conducting such initiatives at least once a year - a 7 per cent drop from 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Commencing October 2023, SMEs in the logistics sector will be the first to undergo the five-day project-based goCMP. Tapping on RP’s expertise and capabilities in supply chain management and logistics, the programme includes a total of two days on-site facilitation with site visits, scoping, verification, and carbon emissions calculations. The goCMP will also facilitate a three-day workshop focused on essential carbon measurement techniques and concepts to enable companies to develop abilities to understand, measure and compute greenhouse gases. Topics such as carbon accounting methodologies, measurement metrics and strategies for carbon reduction will also be covered in the workshop.

The goCMP will also be included in the list of pre-approved programmes required under Workforce Singapore (WSG)’s Career Conversion Programme for Sustainability Professionals (CCP-S). The CCP-S aims to support enterprises’ sustainability transformation effort where new hires or existing workers will be reskilled to take on new sustainability job tasks or green roles in

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.qbe.com/sg/-/media/singapore/files/sme%20research/qbe%20sme%20survey\\_%20business%20outlook\\_final\\_%2027%20jan%202023.pdf](https://www.qbe.com/sg/-/media/singapore/files/sme%20research/qbe%20sme%20survey_%20business%20outlook_final_%2027%20jan%202023.pdf)

areas such as sustainability reporting, carbon management, sustainability project implementation, and green procurement. Companies participating in the goCMP can also leverage on the CCP-S where WSG will provide up to six months of salary support funding to employers to defray the cost of reskilling their employees.

“In 2020, the transportation sector generated almost one-fifth of Singapore’s carbon emissions. The partnership with the Singapore Logistics Association will allow us to jointly assist local logistics SMEs in developing practical and cost-effective initiatives. Plans to customise this course for SMEs in the agritech, banks and hotel industry are also in the pipeline as we all have a part to play in helping Singapore reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050,” said Mr Dennis Quek, Director of the Centre of Innovation for Supply Chain Management, Republic Polytechnic.

Participants will gain insights from experienced RP trainers and engage in hands-on activities, allowing them to apply their learnings to real-world scenarios. Additionally, RP will provide ongoing support and resource to assist SMEs in implementing sustainable practices within their organisations to increase their overall competitiveness in Singapore’s growing green economy.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with Republic Polytechnic to empower logistics SMEs in addressing carbon emissions and driving sustainability. SLA recognises the increasing importance of sustainability in the global business landscape, especially in areas like decarbonisation and circularity. This is one of the many green initiatives we will be rolling out in the next few months to empower our members and the logistics community in driving impactful sustainability efforts. Together, we can create a more environmentally responsible and resilient industry,” said Mr Dave Ng, Chairman of Singapore Logistics Association.

Mr Michael Lim, Chairman of Evfy Singapore, concurred, “As a sustainable logistics provider, Evfy is committed to reducing carbon emissions and operating in an environmentally responsible manner. The goCMP offers practical techniques and tools that will enable SMEs like us to enhance our efforts in achieving sustainability goals and better navigate the transition toward net-zero emissions.”

**For more information and to register for the goCMP programme, please visit <https://for.edu.sg/gocmp>.**

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**About Republic Polytechnic:**

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has seven schools and one academic

centre offering 37 full-time diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Management and Communication, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

RP is committed to nurturing professionals with strong problem-solving capabilities through an innovative and entrepreneurial learning environment, based on a holistic and industry relevant curriculum. RP's Academy for Continuing Education also offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes to provide adult learners with skills upgrading opportunities.

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### **About the Singapore Logistics Association:**

Established in 1973, the Singapore Logistics Association (SLA) represents over 600 logistics enterprises today and supports and sustains a vibrant and thriving ecosystem for the logistics sector. We offer a wide range of targeted programmes and initiatives to help businesses emerge stronger, be future ready and to stay ahead of competition.

To nurture a pipeline of global and future ready logistics talents for the industry, The Logistics Academy, a wholly owned subsidiary training arm of SLA was incorporated in 2010 to provide human capital and skills development courses to empower and deepen the skills of the workforce for the logistics sector.

For more information, visit [www.sla.org.sg](http://www.sla.org.sg).