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About the Awards

Organised by the British Chamber of Commerce Shanghai, this national awards programme brings together a world-class panel of industry experts as part of a high-profile platform to recognise excellence in local and international organisations, NGOs, and individuals who are at the forefront of China-based sustainable practices.

Refined scope

Established in 2022 and formerly named ESG China Awards, this award has been retitled 'Sustainability and Innovation Awards' in 2025. This year, as the fourth edition, the Awards aim to continue its core focus while incorporating those innovative practices needed to meet the sustainability and social equity demands of our time.

Judging Process

Applications opened in February 2026 and closed in April 2026. Finalists of the awards were announced on 23 April. Judging for the Awards was a two-step approach including eight award judging panels, in total 24 experts and business leaders. Please click here for more details about the judging process.

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Finalists Announcement Event Photos

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90% Judging Panel

10% Public Vote

This fourth edition received ***113 applications*** and saw an extraordinary surge in the diversity of participants, in terms of organisation size, origin and industries represented.

The applicant pool spans more than ***20 cities across China*** and encompasses organisations headquartered in ***12 countries worldwide***.

The Summit and Awards Ceremony was held on 23 June 2026 in Shanghai.

Summit and Awards Ceremony Photos

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Following the successful rebrand to the Sustainability & Innovation Awards, 2026 marks our next step forward. We are introducing three new award categories and, for the first time, launching the Sustainability & Innovation Summit alongside the Awards Ceremony, creating a higher-level platform for dialogue, collaboration, and impact.

This evolution reflects our continued commitment to identifying and celebrating the innovative solutions and leadership shaping China’s sustainable future—and to inspiring the entire ecosystem to aim even higher.

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Dr Lu is a pioneer of sustainable business strategy and a well-respected industry thought leader, with profound and systematic practical expertise and theoretical methodologies, he is the founder of the System of Sustainable Business Strategic Thinking and Methodoliges.

Dr Lu has performed in senior executive roles for more than 20 years in a variety of industry sectors and multi-national companies, such as currently President General Affairs of Greater China of EssilorLuxottica, former China President of The Weir Group, Partner of Brunswick Group, Executive Vice President of Singapore RGE Group (China) and Chief Representative, Chairman of RGE subsidiary Asia Symbol Paper & Pulp Ltd, Vice President of RGE Subsidiary Sateri Group Ltd., Acting President China of BHP Billiton Group.

In his roles of leading China operations in the above companies, Dr Lu has integrated corporate social responsibility and sustainability into the companies' strategies and day-to-day operations realising social impact and environmental benefit alongside financial value, helping the companies achieve business growth, operational excellence, talent development as well as social trust.

Dr. Lu is a Professor and Doctoral Advisor at the University of Management and Technology, USA, a Guest Professor of Hong Kong University, Zhejiang University, Eastern China University of Politics and Laws, and Shenzhen International Institute of Philanthropy Management. He is the author of <The Road of Vision> and <Sustainable Business Strategy and Practice>; Chief of Shanghai ESG Standard Drafting Working Group.

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8 Awards Categories & The Finalists

Award No.1

Green Tech & Digital Innovation Award

This award recognises organisations operating in China that have developed and/or implemented innovative solutions with significant environmental benefits by integrating cutting-edge digital technologies—such as Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, Big Data, and Blockchain—with green technology. Eligible solutions may be developed internally, co-developed with partners, or adopted and implemented from third-party providers.

Key Judging Criteria

- Technological Innovation & Digital Integration
- Measurable Impact
- Commercial Viability & Scalability
- Application Maturity & Implementation Outcomes
- Ecological Contribution & Future Development Potential

The Judging Panel

- **David Yang** | Dean, Low Carbon Development Institute, Tsinghua International Innovation Center Shanghai
- **Libin Song** | Senior Market Advisor, Enterprise Ireland
- **Amy Cai** | Sustainability Managing Partner, PwC China

The Finalists

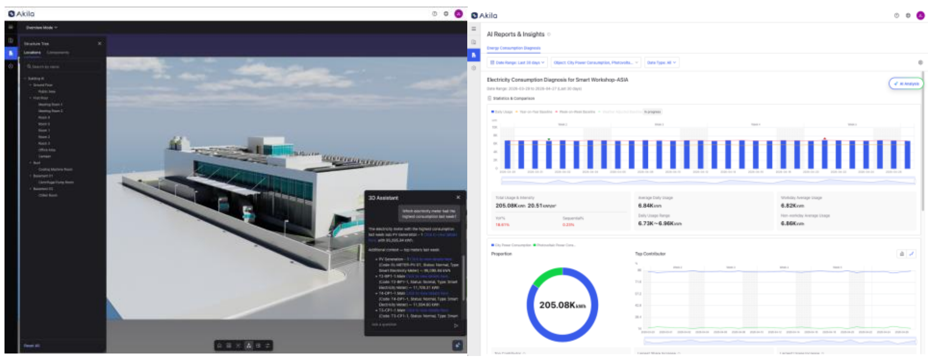
- Akila Technology (Shanghai) Co., Limited.
- JD Logistics, Inc.
- PCG Power
- Silverstream Technologies (Shanghai) Co., Ltd
- Sungrow iCarbon

Green Tech & Digital Innovation Award

Akila

Akila Technology (Shanghai) Co., Limited.

Akila is an AI-powered digital twin platform transforming how buildings and portfolios are managed and decarbonized. It integrates complex real-time and historical data from equipment, energy systems, sensors, and video into a unified, AI-ready data referential. This foundation enables portfolio owners to uncover inefficiencies, streamline reporting, and interact with data through advanced AI insights. As deployments progress, Akila evolves into an active building operating system, driving energy efficiency, financial performance, and decarbonization. Akila is deployed across Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas, managing 20 million m² across 300 sites—advancing smarter, more sustainable real estate.



Akila stands at the intersection of green technology and digital innovation, combining AI, digital twins, and real-time data integration to deliver measurable environmental outcomes at scale.

By transforming fragmented building data into an AI-driven operational layer, Akila enables continuous optimization of energy systems. Across a 70-site retail portfolio in China, Australia, Japan, and France, this approach delivered an average 22% reduction in HVAC energy consumption. In parallel, predictive maintenance capabilities reduced equipment downtime by 50% and achieved 20% annual cost savings in a major transport hub, minimizing resource waste and extending asset lifecycles.

Akila's innovation lies in integrating generative and agentic AI with digital twin environments to move beyond monitoring into autonomous, real-time decision-making. This allows buildings to dynamically adapt to occupancy, weather, and operational conditions, eliminating inefficiencies that traditional systems cannot address.

All environmental results are measured using IPMVP methodology, ensuring normalized, auditable performance with full data traceability.
By unifying advanced digital technologies with practical decarbonization outcomes, Akila demonstrates how innovation in data and AI can directly translate into scalable, real-world sustainability impact.

Judges' Remarks

The company provides an innovative solution for building decarbonisation and develops accessible, profitable AI offerings for property management companies. It tackles the next bottleneck in sustainable business growth and stands as an excellent example of utilising AI in industrial scenarios. We look forward to seeing the company further elevate economic value and enhance universal adaptability to firmly consolidate its leading position across the industry.

JD Logistics, Inc.

In May 2021, JINGDONG Logistics was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. JINGDONG Logistics is China's leading technology-driven supply chain solutions and logistics services provider. The core business of JINGDONG Logistics is integrated supply chain logistics services, providing customers with integrated supply chain solutions and logistics services. JINGDONG Logistics has built a highly coordinated logistics infrastructure comprising six core networks: warehousing, integrated transportation, last-mile delivery, bulky-item logistics, cold chain logistics, and cross-border logistics. JINGDONG Logistics manages over 3,600 warehouses, with a total managed gross floor area exceeding 34 million square meters. Its service coverage extends to nearly all regions, cities, counties, and population centers across China. By setting new benchmarks through offerings such as 211 Time-Definite Delivery and doorstep services, JINGDONG Logistics continues to lead the industry in customer experience.

JINGDONG Logistics launched SCEMP, the industry's first international certification carbon management SaaS platform covering all categories. As the logistics industry's only digital carbon management solution integrating ISO 14064, ISO 14083, ISO 14068, and European Smart Freight Centre GLEC standards, the platform leverages self-developed MRV-T technology to achieve four significant advancements: creating China's first comprehensive road transport vehicle factor database; real-time data collection via IoT and a dynamic spatiotemporal and geographic factor-based calculation model powered by machine learning and the LightGBM algorithm which fills the gap in less-than-truckload carbon footprint calculation; big data and large language model-based MRV-T and finest granularity dual-factor calculation for mobile emission sources, achieving full lifecycle carbon management for multimodal transport at the order level and enabling 99.5% precision; smart energy conservation technology based on energy efficiency diagnosis and big data calculation, as well as multitarget intelligent scheduling technology, achieving intelligent on-line energy diagnosis and operational route optimization, and helping carbon reduction in transportation. SCEMP has pioneered a new "distributed carbon ledger" management model, breaking down carbon footprint management into individual, specific bills. This ensures that each bill is independently and transparently recorded and calculated, achieving supply chain logistics carbon footprint management at the product SKU level.

Judges' Remarks

The company makes tremendous contributions to sustainability within the e-commerce industry. It has developed a pioneering platform covering product carbon accounting, transportation and packaging, and successfully engages end consumers. This exemplary practice delivers powerful demonstration effects and exerts extensive influence over the entire supply chain and industrial ecosystem.

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PCG POWER

PCG Power

PCG Power is an industry-leading investment management and operation service provider for next-generation power systems and a global leader in the investment and operation of C&I distributed clean-energy power stations. The Company is dedicated to delivering economical, intelligent, and reliable green energy solutions for enterprises, industrial parks, and cities. Centered around the investment and construction of renewable energy photovoltaic-storage power stations. PCG Power provides a full-spectrum value chain that integrates power asset operations, comprehensive energy services, electricity trading, carbon asset management and technological innovation in energy IoT.

PCG Power goes beyond being a solar PV developer. Its "Operating Company + AMC Platform" model, supported by a "debt + equity" financing structure, enables deployment 20x faster than traditional approaches. This accelerates market penetration while improving asset tradability and scalability.

In early 2025, the founding team launched PCG Global to drive energy transition in high-growth markets, leveraging PCG Power's proven success in China. The company has already entered Oceania, ASEAN, and the Middle East

Environmental: Its solar capacity reduces annual CO_2 emissions by ~1.93 million tons, equivalent to planting over 106 million trees, empowering C&I users to achieve green transition goals.

Social: Through the "Desert Oasis Project," PCG Power has planted over 100 desert date trees, expected to capture ~2,180 kg of CO_2 annually. Its "Cheng Guang Initiative" established reading corners in rural schools, donating over 600 books (30% on environmental topics). The "Sunshine Bazaar" reused 200+ idle items in 52 days, reducing nearly 300 kg of CO_2, with ~CNY 50,000 raised from 300 employees allocated to public welfare.

Judges' Remarks

The company delivers remarkable business model innovation and partners with strong financing players to explore the new energy market. It has helped multiple independent enterprises launch new energy projects and realise unified asset operation, creating genuine win-win outcomes for all stakeholders. We look forward to the current model evolving into a sustainable, highly recognised and easily tradable standard asset package.

SILVERSTREAM

Silverstream Technologies (Shanghai) Co., Ltd

Silverstream Technologies is a market leading maritime energy-efficiency technology company specialising in hull air lubrication for commercial shipping. Headquartered in London, the company also has operation offices in Southampton and Shanghai. The Silverstream® System reduces frictional resistance between the hull and water, reducing net fuel consumption and associated emissions by an average of 5–10%. It is the only proven air lubrication technology that can be retrofitted within 10 days or less and is also suitable for newbuilds. System savings are validated by third parties including Lloyd's ,DNV and RiNA Registers,etc.. Major clients include MSC, Maersk and Shell.

Silverstream Technologies has demonstrated strong innovation capability and real world impact through the commercial deployment of its air lubrication technology. By introducing a layer of air beneath the hull, the system reduces hydrodynamic resistance, delivering proven reductions in fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The technology has received broad international recognition, including the RINA QinetiQ Maritime Innovation Award (2021), Seatrade Cruise Awards – Product of the Year (Air Lubrication Technology, 2023), and the Maritime UK Awards – Clean Maritime Innovator Award (2023).

The technical maturity of Silverstream's solution is further evidenced by the Certificates of Approval in Principle (AIP) for Silverstream ASL Technology by major class societies, as well as receiving the King's Award for Enterprise (Innovation, 2025) and the BloombergNEF Pioneers Award (2026).

During the shortlisted period, Silverstream continued expanding its global project portfolio, working closely with international shipowners and shipyards to support both retrofit and newbuild installations. The company's commercial growth, previously recognised through its inclusion in the FT 1000: Europe's Fastest Growing Companies (2023 and 2024), further demonstrates the commercial viability and scalability of its technology. By combining engineering innovation with practical operational delivery, Silverstream is contributing to the maritime sector's transition toward lower carbon operations.

Judges' Remarks

Boasting disruptive and hard-core technological strengths, the company generates immediate energy savings upon implementation and delivers outstanding sustainability performance. We look forward to it extending industry influence and scaling up its technological solutions across the market.

Sungrow iCarbon

Sungrow iCarbon uses AI algorithms and digital twin technology to deliver carbon accounting and emission reduction solutions for enterprises, industrial parks, factories, hospitals, and other facilities. Its out-of-the-box SaaS product, the iCarbon Platform, leverages big data and AI to enable carbon footprint tracking, reduction planning, pathway mapping, and online certification. Through intelligent monitoring and optimization, it helps enterprises achieve low-cost energy savings, carbon reduction, supply chain collaboration, and smart operations, with multiple zero-carbon demonstration cases already deployed globally.

Sungrow iCarbon has developed its proprietary iCarbon Energy-Carbon SaaS Platform, delivering a one-stop, full-lifecycle zero-carbon solution. It integrates digital technologies such as AI, big data, digital twins, and blockchain with clean energy green technologies including solar, wind, storage, and power. The platform features an advanced, highly integrated architecture. It innovatively builds four core capabilities: source-grid-load-storage plus energy-carbon large model for smart dispatch, virtual power plant asset value enhancement, supply chain carbon assessment, and blockchain-based carbon asset trading. These enable visible, controllable, and optimizable energy-carbon management.

The solution focuses on carbon reduction, energy efficiency improvement, and resource optimization, helping enterprises address carbon tariffs and supply chain carbon disclosure pressures. It delivers outstanding results: reducing electricity costs by over 15% and saving energy by more than 10%. It has served multiple leading enterprises, achieving ten-thousand-tonne cumulative carbon reductions. Customers can recoup their investment within 2–3 years, demonstrating significant commercial benefits.

Adopting an integrated hardware-software-service business model, Sungrow iCarbon has achieved steady revenue growth. With strong R&D capabilities, comprehensive patents and certifications, it collaborates with authoritative institutions to build a robust ecosystem. Now in a mature operational stage, the platform covers industrial, energy, park, hospital and other scenarios with scalable replication. It continues to deepen its energy-carbon large model and carbon ecosystem layout, leading the low-carbon digital transformation of the industry.

Judges' Remarks

Backed by the parent company's industrial and technological resources, the enterprise has built a comprehensive local product database, and its solutions have achieved solid results across the industrial chain.We look forward to its expansion beyond the existing business scope and exploration of overseas markets to drive sustained business advancement.

Award No.2

Climate Action Award

This award recognizes organisations operating in China that demonstrate outstanding leadership and sustained commitment to addressing climate change. It celebrates organisations that go beyond pledges to deliver measurable emissions reductions, enhance climate resilience, pursue regenerative, nature-based, or circular solutions, and integrate climate considerations into strategy, operations, and decision-making.

Key Judging Criteria

- Climate Strategy & Action Plan
- Emissions Reduction & Climate Impact
- Innovation, Implementation & Ecosystem Collaboration
- Leadership, Governance & Accountability
- Stakeholder Engagement & Transparency

The Judging Panel

- **Fei Li** | Global Co-Director of Disclosures CDP
- **Heidi Berg** | ESG and Sustainability Director, Danish Industry China
- **Chengchen Qian** | Project Director, Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB)

The Finalists

- AstraZeneca China
- Far East Horizon Limited
- Henkel AG & Co KGaA
- Lotus Technology Inc.
- Unilever

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AstraZeneca China

AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialisation of prescription medicines in Oncology, Rare Diseases, and BioPharmaceuticals, including Cardiovascular, Renal & Metabolism, and Respiratory & Immunology. Based in Cambridge, UK, AstraZeneca's innovative medicines are sold in more than 125 countries and used by millions of patients worldwide. China is AstraZeneca's second-largest market and a strategic hub for global innovation, home to two global R&D centres that have led over 20 global clinical trials to-date, four manufacturing sites that supply high-quality medicines to over 70 markets.

AstraZeneca Ambition Zero Carbon: We target a 98% absolute reduction in Scope 1 and 2 by 2026 (2015 baseline), a 90% absolute reduction in total Scope 3 by 2045 (2019 baseline), and net zero by 2045.

In China, we are reducing Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by optimising operations, accelerating the energy transition, promoting green working, enabling smart logistics, and advancing green R&D. By 2025, AstraZeneca China's Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions were down 84% versus the 2015 baseline.

We prioritise collaboration with suppliers to address the Scope 3 footprint associated with purchased goods and services. We continued to advocate for our suppliers to set SBTs, ensuring that our climate ambitions are shared across our value chain.

New ways of working have reduced our business travel emissions. All teams operate within a centrally tracked carbon travel budget, and engagement work is ongoing to promote more sustainable modes of travel, such as high-speed rail.

Our leadership in industry collaborations, such as the SMI (Sustainable Markets Initiative) China Health Working Group, allows us to partner across industries and accelerate the net-zero transition and sustainable development within China's healthcare system.

Judges' Remarks

The company has established a science-based and comprehensive climate programme, extending emission reduction efforts from internal operations to suppliers, nature-based solutions and the wider healthcare ecosystem. It demonstrates outstanding climate leadership and achieves remarkable progress even within a highly regulated industry.

Climate Action Award

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FEHORIZON

Far East Horizon Limited

Far East Horizon Limited, established and registered in Hong Kong, is a comprehensive group spanning finance and industry. The Group is committed to serving the real economy with its market, international and professional advantages, while fulfilling the mission of "integrating global resources and promoting industry development". For years, it has led the industry development, and ranked on the lists of Fortune China 500 and Forbes Global 2000 consecutively. The Group gathers quality fund, capital, industrial, technology and talent resources from around the world to meet customers' needs. Using constant innovation as its drive and combining its financial resources and industrial resources, it has continuously provided all-round support for customers' development.

Company Achievement:

- Selected for S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook 2025 (China Edition) by virtue of our 2024 S&P CSA score. The 2025 S&P CSA score remained at 54, placing us at a leading level within the domestic industry.
- Included as a constituent stock of the FTSE4Good Index Series for nine consecutive years.
- In the 2025 assessment conducted by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), we received a B rating in the assessments of all three questionnaires on climate change, forests and water security.
- Our science-based targets were formally validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), making us the first financial institution in the Chinese mainland to receive this authoritative certification.
- Awarded the Sustainable Product Innovation Award at the 10th Annual Value Co-creation Trend Forum.

Judges' Remarks

The company fully embeds climate action into the core business of this financial institution. It accelerates low-carbon transition across various industries via green finance, portfolio decarbonisation and climate risk integration. Its practice fully proves that Chinese enterprises have reached world-leading standards in climate action.

Henkel AG & Co KGaA

With its brands, innovations and technologies, Henkel holds leading market positions worldwide as the global leader in the market for adhesives, sealants and functional coatings. In fiscal 2025, Henkel reported sales of 20.5 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of 3.0 billion euros. Sustainability has a long tradition at Henkel, and the company has a clear sustainability strategy with specific targets. Henkel was founded in 1876 and today employs a diverse team of about 47,000 people worldwide – united by a strong corporate culture, shared values and a common purpose: "Pioneers at heart for the good of generations." More information at www.henkel.com

Henkel has demonstrated outstanding achievements across its value chain through a clear, ambitious, and credible climate strategy that is firmly embedded in its long-term business vision. The company has committed to science-based net-zero targets across its value chain, supported by detailed roadmaps, interim milestones, and time-bound action plans aligned with recognised climate pathways. Henkel has made measurable and verifiable progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions year on year across Scopes 1, 2, and 3 since 2021, while strengthening data quality, transparency, and traceability across its operations and supply networks. Its approach goes beyond carbon reduction, integrating circular economy principles, sustainable materials, and regenerative solutions to positively influence ecosystems.

Henkel has also shown strong leadership in innovation and implementation, deploying low-carbon technologies, reformulating products, and actively collaborating with suppliers, customers, and industry partners to scale decarbonisation across entire value chains. Robust governance underpins these efforts, with clear board-level oversight, executive accountability, and the integration of climate performance into strategic decision-making and incentives. Through open, data-driven disclosure and meaningful stakeholder engagement, Henkel consistently communicates climate risks, progress, and outcomes via recognised reporting frameworks, clearly demonstrating leadership, credibility, and tangible impact in advancing global climate action.

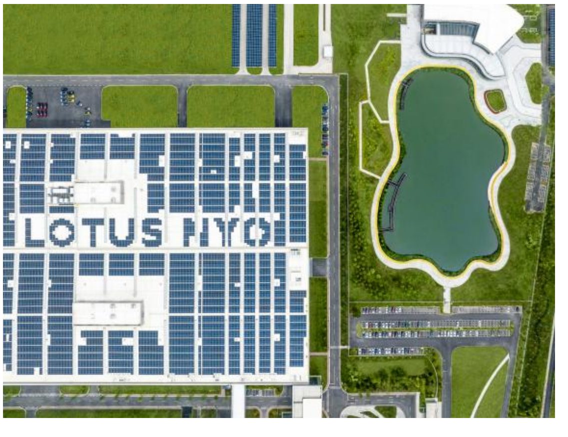
Judges’ Remarks

The company advances circular economy, sustainable innovation and value chain climate governance in parallel. With a mature and well-established sustainability strategy, it has delivered verifiable outcomes from years of supply chain collaboration on emission reduction, standing as a benchmark across the industry.

Lotus Technology Inc.

Lotus Technology is a leading global intelligent luxury mobility provider listed on NASDAQ. We focus on high-performance electrification, green manufacturing, and full-lifecycle sustainability. Supported by a three-tier ESG governance system, we integrate low-carbon innovation into products, factories, and operations to drive the low-carbon transformation of the luxury mobility industry.

Lotus Technology has achieved outstanding sustainability performance. Our new model FORME reaches 89.1% reusability and 97.9% recyclability. The global smart factory uses 49% solar power, significantly reducing operational carbon emissions. We have established a complete climate governance and carbon management system, obtained multiple green certifications, and promoted full-value-chain decarbonization. By balancing high-performance product experience and environmental goals, we set a replicable low-carbon benchmark for the global intelligent luxury mobility sector.



Judges' Remarks

The company focuses on innovation in electric vehicles and sustainable product design to advance low-carbon mobility, and keeps promoting the decarbonisation of the entire transport sector. It serves as an excellent model for linking emission reduction work in domestic supply chains with global product development.

Unilever

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of Beauty & Wellbeing, Personal Care, Home Care and Foods products, with sales in more than 185 countries and products used by 3.7 billion people every day. We have 96,000 employees and generated sales of €50.5 billion in 2025.

Unilever prioritizes climate action in its sustainability strategy and has established a Climate Transition Action Plan. Our SBTi validated targets are: achieve net zero emissions across our value chain by 2039, 100% absolute reduction in Scope 1&2 emissions, 42% and 30.3% cuts in Scope 3 Energy & Industrial (E&I) and Forest, Land & Agriculture (FLAG) emissions respectively by 2030. In 2025, Unilever had reduced operational emissions by 77% (vs. 2015), while Scope 3 E&I and FLAG emissions declined by 17% and 11% respectively (vs. 2021).

In China, Unilever translates its global ambition into locally tailored actions in support of the national dual carbon goals. All manufacturing sites operate on 100% renewable electricity. The Hefei Logistics Park earned LEED Zero Energy & Zero Carbon certification and Global Lighthouse Network; Tianjin and Hefei sites are recognized as Lighthouse Factories. Unilever drives impact through innovation, supply chain initiatives, and nature based solutions—launching OMO "Air" laundry capsules and plant based scent boosters, enabling nearly 200 suppliers to reduce emissions, advancing industry standards, and restoring more than 20,000 mu of grassland over 14 years. Supported by robust governance, multi stakeholder collaboration and transparent disclosure, Unilever leads the transition towards global climate ambitions with a low carbon circular economy.

Judges' Remarks

The company sets ambitious emission reduction targets and fulfils corporate social responsibility to the full. It actively connects upstream and downstream partners, engaging suppliers and consumers in emission reduction initiatives. It drives comprehensive green transformation of the value chain and creates large-scale, systematic sustainable impact.

Award No.3

Outbound Investment Award

This award recognises Chinese companies that have demonstrated outstanding strategy, responsible leadership, and successful practice in expanding overseas. It celebrates organisations that generate significant economic, social, and environmental value through international investments or joint ventures, while effectively navigating regulatory, operational, and market challenges.

Key Judging Criteria

- Investment Strategy & Vision
- Business & Market Impact
- Sustainability & Local Value
- Innovation & Execution
- Risk Management & Governance
- Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration

The Judging Panel

- **Cayla Li** | China Impact Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- **Vince Kan** | Country Head of China Outbound and Belt & Road Initiative Commercial Banking, HSBC Bank (China)
- **Siyao Jiang** | China Managing Partner, ERM

The Finalists

- China Energy Overseas Investment Co., Ltd.
- Cubic Sensor and Instrument Co., Ltd.
- Ganfeng Lithium Group Co., Ltd.
- JinkoSolar Co., Ltd.
- Shenzhen Senior Technology Material Co., Ltd.

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Outbound Investment Award

China Energy Overseas Investment Co., Ltd.

China Energy Overseas Investment Co., Ltd. ("CEECOIC") was established in Beijing in 2016, and serves as the core platform for Energy China's overseas investment. As of the end of 2025, CEECOIC had established 40 overseas subsidiaries and completed investment decisions with a cumulative project value exceeding RMB 65 billion. Its investment spans multiple countries, including Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique and Brazil. We have built an investment business structure that takes energy, power, and water infrastructure as its focus. The Company is committed to becoming a leading investor and operator in the global clean energy and infrastructure sectors.

The Company has completed investment decisions exceeding RMB 65 billion, with 5.2 GW installed green power capacity, green cement production capacity of 5.8 million tons per year, and green water treatment capacity of 410,000 tons per day. In Central Asia, the Uzbekistan 1GW Project, the Energy Storage Projects and the Navoi Project have set a new record for a Chinese enterprise in developing new energy projects in a single country along the Belt and Road. The Samarkand Cement Project has significantly enhanced local green cement supply capacity. In South America, the Brazil Water Supply Project can supply safe and clean water for 2 million local residents. The Coremas Photovoltaic Project can generate 167 million kWh electricity annually to meet the needs of over 80,000 households. In South Asia, the Pakistan SK Project, with an investment of USD 1.96 billion, is currently the largest overseas greenfield hydropower project by a Chinese enterprise.

During peak construction, the project provided over 6,000 jobs, and it has created over 100 positions since operation. The project has planted over 150,000 trees and built a 5,000-square-meter trout hatchery and a government service center. Also, it has sponsored 31 students and participated in local emergency rescues.

Judges' Remarks

The company places robust emphasis on the risk oversight and institutional governance of environmental and social impacts, demonstrating mature cross-functional collaboration and effective alignment between internal governance mechanisms and external stakeholder communication. It delivers exemplary integration of investment deployment and operational delivery across Belt and Road (BRI) economies. The organisation strategically mobilises both domestic and international capital markets, alongside leveraging resources from multilateral development institutions including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

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Outbound Investment Award

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Cubic Sensor and Instrument Co.,Ltd.

Cubic Sensor and Instrument Co., Ltd. (SH.688665) focuses on the research and development, production and sales of smart gas sensors and high-end scientific instruments. It has built a multi-technology integrated gas sensing platform, with products applied in HVAC, automotive electronics, industry, healthcare and other sectors. As a supporting supplier for Fortune Global 500 and leading enterprises at home and abroad, its products are exported to over 80 countries, forging ahead to be a global brand.

Cubic Sensor and Instrument Co.,Ltd. advances sustainable outbound investment centered on global layout and has built a three-dimensional overseas business network covering Europe, Asia and America. It has set up overseas subsidiaries and joint ventures, forming a differentiated overseas operation system with clear division and efficient collaboration.As a supplier for world-famous enterprises, its products have obtained authoritative international certifications. Its business spans over 80 countries and regions, realizing strategic upgrading from product export to localized and global brand operation. In 2025, its overseas revenue reached 311.54 million yuan, accounting for 30.36% of total revenue.

Its Hungarian manufacturing base complies with EU green factory standards to drive local industrial upgrading and employment. With sound investment modes and risk control, the company balances growth and ESG performance, breaks technological monopolies and delivers fruitful sustainable investment results.

Judges' Remarks

As an emerging industry leader within the electronic sensors segment, the organisation adopts a forward-thinking strategic outlook on sustainable development. It has mainstreamed ESG considerations into cross-border business planning at the preliminary stage of its market entry into Hungary, laying a robust institutional and operational foundation to underpin its long-term global expansion roadmap.

Award Sponsor

Outbound Investment Award

Ganfeng Lithium Group Co., Ltd.

Ganfeng Lithium is China's first A+H share listed company in the lithium industry, a world-leading lithium ecosystem enterprise, the world's largest producer of metallic lithium, and China's largest producer of lithium hydroxide. We pursue a "vertical integration" strategy, covering all key segments of the value chain, including upstream lithium resource development, midstream lithium salt processing and metallic lithium refining, and downstream lithium battery manufacturing, customized energy storage solutions, and comprehensive recycling of spent batteries. Also， we are the only professional manufacturer in the world that possesses the industrialized technologies for lithium extraction from brine, from ore, and from recycling.

Ganfeng Lithium enters overseas markets such as Australia, Argentina, and Mali through diverse cooperation models. In 2025, we raised HK$1.37B via H-share convertibles/placement and RMB 1.51B via green notes, exclusively for green projects and retired battery procurement to optimize debt and cut costs. On cooperation, overseas projects prioritize joint ownership and operation with local partners, dispersing risks through joint ventures, off-take agreements, and equity participation. On the industrial chain, we have built a full "resources – refining – batteries – recycling" value chain, with a supporting local lithium salt production base in Argentina, reducing transport emissions and creating local employment.

At our Argentina project, the company constructed a 120 MW solar power plant coupled with a 288 MWh energy storage system featuring our self-developed and self-produced battery products, achieving 100% renewable energy power supply and 24/7 uninterrupted electricity. In Mali, we signed a financing agreement with the local government for a 50 MW solar power plant and a 25 MWh energy storage system, alleviating local energy shortages. Ganfeng respects indigenous rights and provides skills training to boost local employability. Looking ahead, we will ensure the long-term impact and sustainable growth of our outbound investments through ESG integration.

Judges' Remarks

The company has embedded ESG principles across the full spectrum of its domestic and international franchise operations, encompassing marketing and sales, capital financing, stakeholder engagement and brand strategy development. Its global footprint extends across emerging economies and OECD member states, with well-established overseas community initiatives and grounded practical outcomes that transcend superficial rhetoric and symbolic ESG statements.

Award Sponsor

Outbound Investment Award

JinkoSolar Co., Ltd.

Jinko Solar Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 688223) is a globally leading, technology-driven clean energy company. It focuses on core segments of the PV industry, integrating R&D and manufacturing of PV products and clean energy solutions, with sales leading global markets. As of the reporting period, cumulative global module shipments exceeded 390 GW, and it has ranked first in global module shipments for seven years. Additionally, the company is actively expanding into energy storage, developing integrated PV-storage solutions, and striving to become a world-leading comprehensive solution provider.

The company has achieved a lot in sustainable outbound investments. Commercially, overseas module shipments accounted for 57.8% in 2024, contributing 68.6% of revenue. The landmark 10GW project in Saudi Arabia exports technical standards, while the Garissa project in Kenya lowered electricity prices to $0.0549/kWh, winning a “Belt and Road” best practice award. Environmentally, over 3.5GW of benchmark projects in the Middle East use module shading to lower surface temperatures and aid vegetation restoration; a Nigeria microgrid cuts 550 tons of CO_2 annually.

Socially, a donated solar-storage plant supports vocational training in Zambia, the U.S. facility creates local jobs, and community relations managers operate at overseas sites. On governance & innovation, the company achieved an S&P Global CSA score of 78 (#1 in PV industry), with 100% of overseas sites undergoing labor/environmental audits. It pioneered a “Global Manufacturing 2.0” JV model with Saudi PIF and became the first PV firm validated by SBTi on all three decarbonization targets. Green bonds and cross-border green syndicated loans have been issued. We will leverage supply chain collaboration, nature strategy, and AI empowerment to ensure a net-zero value chain by 2050.

Judges’ Remarks

As a benchmark player driving the globalisation of China’s photovoltaic sector, the company generates a substantial share of its revenue from overseas markets and maintains a resilient framework for international operations. It has institutionalised ESG integration into routine business workflows, establishing a comprehensive governance and delivery framework spanning strategic oversight to on-the-ground implementation. Its practice sets an industry benchmark and replicable reference model for international ESG stewardship among Chinese PV enterprises.

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Outbound Investment Award

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Shenzhen Senior Technology Material Co.,Ltd.

Founded in 2003, Senior pioneered the domestic commercialization of dry-process separators and established relevant national standards, growing into a global leader in lithium-ion battery separators. With over 20 years of expertise, it initiated and undertook China's "Power Lithium Battery Separator" national 863 program. Senior excels in both dry and wet processes, operating 9 production bases and 4 R&D centers worldwide, serving 100+ global customers including LG and BYD. As the industry's first and only recipient of the National Science and Technology Progress Award, the company is committed to pioneering the future of green energy through innovation.

SENIOR's overseas investment in the Malaysia project(i.e. INV) has achieved remarkable commercial success, significantly contributing to both the company's growth and the local economy. The project, which is the first company in Southeast Asia focusing on the production of wet-process and coating lithium battery separators, boasts a design capacity of over 2 billion m2 per year. This has strengthened SENIOR's global market position and supported continued revenue growth.

The project fills a critical gap in the Southeast Asian new energy vehicle supply chain and supports Malaysia's "2030 New Industrial Blueprint", enhancing high-value manufacturing in the region. Additionally, it plays a key role in advancing the electric vehivle supply chain globally. To support long-term industry development, SENIOR has partnered with the University of Science Malaysia, promoting industry-academia collaboration and preparing the local workforce.

The Malaysia project is expected to create around 1,200 high-skilled jobs, with a focus on diversity through recruiting a mix of ethnicities (including Malay, Chinese, and Indian). This initiative promotes local economic development through job creation, technology transfer, and tax contributions.

Incoporating ESG principles, the project demonstrates strong achievements in ESG, including promoting the low-carbon transition, improving community welfare, and maintaining high ESG operational standards.

Judges' Remarks

The company has proactively executed its global expansion strategy, establishing operational manufacturing facilities in Malaysia and achieving substantive breakthroughs in its cross-border business layout. It adopts a sophisticated approach to tapping international financing avenues, including commercial banking facilities and European Export Credit Agencies (ECAs). It is anticipated that the organisation will further strengthen integrated governance and extend its global operational footprint into additional regional markets.

Award No.4

Innovation Award

This award recognises organisations in China that have developed innovative solutions—such as new products, services, business models, or operational approaches—to address environmental, social, and governance (ESG) challenges. It celebrates organisations that demonstrate creativity and excellence, implementing effective approaches that generate measurable impact, create lasting benefits, and advance ESG goals.

Key Judging Criteria

- Innovation
- Impact
- Financial Efficacy
- Scalability
- Engagement
- Transparency

The Judging Panel

- **Helen Fu** | Founder, Yangtze Institute of Green Finance; CSO of Shanghai Climate Week Open Innovation Center; Greenext Expo Co-Curator
- **Leo Li** | Founder of Shanghai YS Public Welfare and Cultural Development Center, Founding Partner of One Earth Consulting, Chair of the Mentorship Committee of Acceleration Week for Global Youth Development Programs
- **Eugene Chua** | Founder, Chairman & CEO of G-COVE Group, Vice President of the Malaysia–China Friendship Association, Chairman of Global ESG Network (GEN)

The Finalists

- Anemoi Marine Technologies Ltd
- BROAD HOLON CO., LTD.
- In2Orbits
- Shanghai Re-mall Environmental Protection New Material Co., Ltd.
- Zhongtian Technology Submarine Cable Co., Ltd.

Anemoi Marine Technologies Ltd

Anemoi Marine Technologies is a leading provider of Rotor Sail wind propulsion systems, harnessing wind power to reduce vessel fuel consumption and emissions. Proven through over 15 years of R&D, real-world data, and numerous commercial installations, our lightweight, compact Rotor Sails deliver more than 1 tonne of fuel savings per sail per day. Fully automated and seamlessly integrated with vessel systems, they suit both newbuild and retrofit projects. Backed by approvals from leading classification societies, Anemoi's technology supports compliance with IMO and EU regulations, offering fast installation, low OPEX over a 25-year lifespan, and reliable, best-in-class performance at sea.

Anemoi Marine Technologies is transforming maritime decarbonisation through its innovative Rotor Sail technology, delivering practical and scalable emissions reductions for the global shipping industry. Its advanced Rotor Sails harness renewable wind energy to provide additional propulsion, reducing vessel emissions by up to 30%, while improving fuel efficiency and lowering operating costs.

The company has successfully modernised proven Flettner Rotor technology with patented deployment systems that enable installation on most merchant vessels, overcoming key operational barriers to adoption. In partnership with Lloyd's Register Advisory, Anemoi has also developed a verified performance measurement methodology, demonstrating average fuel savings of 9.1% and CO_2 reductions of 7 tonnes per sailing day on a Kamsarmax bulk carrier vessel.

Anemoi has rapidly scaled this innovation through strategic partnerships with major Chinese shipbuilders and manufacturers, supported by a dedicated production facility capable of producing 250 Rotor Sails annually in Jingjiang. Since June 2023, the company has secured £28 million in export orders for 29 Rotor Sails across seven vessels, including installations on four of the world's largest ore carriers.

By combining measurable environmental impact, commercial viability and international scalability, Anemoi is accelerating the shipping industry's transition to net-zero emissions.

Judges' Remarks

The company offers high-quality products with globally scalable business and a well-established global stakeholder engagement system. We look forward to new growth driven by innovative products after the company refines its ESG plans and objectives.

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BROAD HOLON CO., LTD.

BROAD Group began to develop prefabricated steel buildings in 2009. With an investment of USD1.1 billion & 1,000 engineers' R & D for 16 years, BROAD invented the scalable, industrial building system. Holon floorslabs are made of patented stainless steel core slabs, while columns & beams of stainless steel sections. The structure, MEP & finishes are 100% factory-made, installation onsite is with bolts, achieving 3 to 10 stories daily. Once assembled, the column-free net span is 11.7 x 4.8 m, offering great flexibility. The system ensures quality, construction period, cost & CO2 are all controllable, while enabling cost-effective global transportation.

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1. Hi-tech design: 16 years of R&D,invested over $1.1 billion and 1,000+ engineers, 60+ buildings in 6 countries validated after thousands of trials and errors and 16 technology iterations.
2. Hi-tech material: Original ultra-strong & ultra-light 'Stainless Steel Core Slab' is durable for millennia, uses zero concrete, and is 10 times stronger than traditional materials
3. Hi-tech construction: Globally sourcing top-quality materials and adopting Intelligent streamlined production to ensure zero defects in every detail. leaving minimal construction on-site such as bolting, enabling the installation of 3 floors per day.
4. Flexible space: 12mx4.8m column-free clear span creates an open, versatile layout; room sizes and quantities can be adjusted post-occupancy.
5. Superior acoustics: 4paned windows, 3layer floors & ceiling, double demising walls and entrance doors. Adopts the highest acoustic standard among the EU/US/AU/CA/JP/KR standards.
6. Healthy air: 100% fresh air, 99.9% PM2.5 filtration, ensuring indoor air is 100 times cleaner than outdoors.
7. Comfortable temperature: Passive House standard insulation, ultraenergyefficient AC, offpeak electricity water energy storage, lowering more than 90% of the energy bill for the household while maintaining a constant temperature throughout the year, and contributing to the balance of the peak/off-peakloads to the power grid.

Judges’ Remarks

The innovative products effectively reduce the life cycle assessment impact in the construction sector and deliver tangible results with strong scalability. We look forward to the company leveraging long-term data to upgrade its long-term development goals and professional business operations.

In2Orbits

IN2ORBITS envisions a world where waste is not the end, but the continuation of a material's lifecycle. Unlike companies that focus solely on reporting sustainability, we take real, measurable action. As a next-generation partner to global brands, we provide scalable circular solutions that close resource loops, reduce reliance on virgin materials, and lower environmental impact. Through recycling, upcycling, remanufacturing, and regeneration, we transform waste into valuable resources tailored to each material. Our traceability system ensures full transparency, while impact measurement verifies real environmental outcomes, enabling brands to achieve tangible, accountable sustainability in practice—not just on paper.

Awards & Recognition
- ChangeNOW: Top 100 Impact Startups to Watch
- Temasek Foundation: Top 20 Next-Gen Ecosphere Leaders in Sustainability of Asia
- Member of the North Bund Green and Low-Carbon Service Industry Alliance
- China Hotel Association ESG Innovation Competition: Gold Award
- VOGUE Business China Business Innovation Leader: Sustainable Thought Leader
- UrbanLab Green Tech Award Winner: Pioneer in Sustainability
- Budweiser 100+ Innovation Hub: Top 10 Winner

Industry Firsts & Innovation Impact
- China's first full lifecycle closed-loop system for tennis balls, enabling balls-to-court material regeneration
- China's first eco-friendly formaldehyde-free recycled wood panel
- China's first top-grain leather-to-leather closed-loop regeneration technology, enabling material reintegration into the value chain
- World's only "dual empowerment" partner of Saint-Gobain enabling industrial-scale gypsum board circular recycling

Academic & Industrial Synergy
- Joint laboratory with Shanghai University of Engineering Science for advanced material testing and carbon accounting methodologies
- Arcplus Group Joint Lab: "Premium Materials for Premium Living," integrating Life - - Cycle Assessment (LCA) and engineering-grade material standards
- Integration with Siemens carbon accounting system to establish a verified Material Flow → Carbon Footprint → Certified Output framework

Judges' Remarks

As a promising start-up, the company features original ideas and steady business growth, alongside excellent performance in cross-party collaboration and public communication. We look forward to it improving top-level ESG strategies and demonstrating strong sustainability leadership as the business expands.

Innovation Award

Shanghai Re-mall Environmental Protection New Material Co., Ltd.

Shanghai Re-mall Environmental Protection New Materials Co., Ltd. focuses on high-quality plastic recycling, turning low-value plastic waste into high-value sustainable materials (r-PP, r-PE). Guided by the "design for recyclability" concept, it has built a closed loop of collection – regeneration–application – design, earning FDA food-grade certification. With over 250,000 tonnes of plastic recycled and 400,000 tonnes CO_2 reduction, the company has received strategic investment from Ingka Group, promoting China's circular model globally.

Shanghai Re-mall's "industry-chain collaborative full-lifecycle recycling solution for low-value food delivery packaging" achieves:

- Innovation: Leveraging China's plastic industry strengths, overcoming local technical barriers, obtaining FDA food-grade recycling certification for polyolefins (r-PP, r-PE), holding over 100 patents, and participating in (including as lead drafter) 9 published national standards.
- Impact: Over 250,000 tonnes of plastic recycled, 400,000 tonnes CO_2 reduction, 80% lower carbon footprint than virgin plastics, 20% savings in water, electricity, and cost. Optimized logistics reduced driving mileage by over 14,000 km and enabled over 10,000 km of new energy vehicle substitution. The "Blue Plan" public welfare initiative donates over RMB 50,000 annually to combat marine pollution.
- Scalability: The model has been replicated in front-end collection systems, and its products are successfully applied in premium sectors such as daily chemicals, toys, automotive, and textiles.
- Financial effectiveness: Recognized by market and strategic capital – Series B funding in 2025 led by Ingka Group with follow-on from Asahi Kasei, validating ROI potential.
- Collaboration: Partnering with food delivery platforms, 20+ brands, and communities to realize closed-loop cases like "waste meal boxes → marathon running shirts." Co-creating high-value circular journeys with brands.

This innovation proves low-value plastic recycling can achieve both environmental benefits and commercial value.

Judges' Remarks

The company has an in-depth understanding of ESG with clear objectives, comprehensive strategies, sound systems and thorough implementation plans. Its innovative products bring measurable ESG impact. The team excels at stakeholder engagement and public communication, supported by a mature and replicable business model.

Zhongtian Technology Submarine Cable Co., Ltd.

Zhongtian Technology Submarine Cable Co., Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zhongtian Technology Group, is a national high-tech enterprise and a national manufacturing single champion. As China’s top submarine cable R&D and manufacturer, it achieved operating revenue of 13.029 billion yuan and net profit of 960 million yuan in 2025, and won the First Prize of National Science and Technology Progress Award. Leading the industry through innovation, the company has joined SBTi and IEMA with 100% green power consumption, and earned global green honors including International Green Design Award and EY Sustainability Award.

Zhongtian Technology Submarine Cable Co., Ltd leads the industry with independent core technologies. It has developed the world’s first 66kV three-core dynamic submarine cable system to solve cable fatigue failure for floating offshore wind power, and broken through key technologies of ±525kV UHVDC submarine cables for long-distance and low-loss power transmission.

The company comprehensively practices ESG strategies, coping with low-carbon compliance, material R&D and supply chain coordination challenges. It has completed carbon footprint certification, realized 100% green power supply, and obtained multiple international green credentials.

With standardized R&D management and complete innovation evaluation indicators, it promotes modular and replicable high-end cable technologies for global offshore wind and power interconnection. It ensures long-term financial sustainability via integrated services and full-risk control.

Through in-depth cooperation with multi-stakeholders and standardized external communication with third-party verification, ZTT drives low-carbon upgrading of the whole industry and delivers sustainable green energy solutions worldwide.

Judges’ Remarks

The company delivers highly innovative products with a mature and scalable business model, which consistently generates positive ESG outcomes. We look forward to seeing it upgrade its overall ESG objectives and establish an independent ESG strategy and governance structure in the future.

Award No.5

Social Impact Award

This award recognises businesses, NGOs, or education institutions in China that have shown exceptional commitment to creating positive social impact through their operations, projects, and initiatives. It celebrates organisations that drive social responsibility, promote diversity and inclusion, support employee wellbeing, and engage stakeholders—including communities, customers, and partners—to deliver meaningful and lasting outcomes. Activities delivered between 2023 and 2025 must be demonstrated.

Key Judging Criteria

- Social Responsibility
- Impact Strategy
- Employee Wellbeing
- Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration
- Impact Measurement & Evaluation
- Stakeholders' evaluation

The Judging Panel

- **Huan Ni** | Founding Director, Shanghai Green Light-Year Environmental Service Center
- **Marcia Chen** | Founder and CEO, Women Alliance Group
- **Da Chen** | Director and China Ambassador, World Disability Billiards and Snooker

The Finalists

- AstraZeneca China
- Grin Natural Products Limited
- KPMG China
- Save the Children International (UK) Beijing Representative Office
- She Rewires
- Sodexo

The Finalists - Education

- Duke Kunshan University
- Keystone Academy Beijing
- The University of Manchester China Centre
- University of Southampton China Office
- Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

AstraZeneca China

AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialisation of prescription medicines in Oncology, Rare Diseases, and BioPharmaceuticals, including Cardiovascular, Renal & Metabolism, and Respiratory & Immunology. Based in Cambridge, UK, AstraZeneca's innovative medicines are sold in more than 125 countries and used by millions of patients worldwide. China is AstraZeneca's second-largest market and a strategic hub for global innovation, home to two global R&D centres that have led over 20 global clinical trials to-date, four manufacturing sites that supply high-quality medicines to over 70 markets.

AstraZeneca invests in communities—especially the underserved—to create positive impact for people, society, and the planet. Our community investments support NGOs to advance health equity, expand access to care, drive scientific innovation, and build resilient communities.

Launched in 2023, the CRCF–AstraZeneca Rural Revitalization Charity Fund supports sustainable development in rural China across health, education, and infrastructure , with total donations of RMB 30 million for 2023–2025. By 2025, the fund has supported 130 projects, benefiting more than 2.31 million rural residents.

We support capacity-building for community and county-level providers through free consultations, clinical mentoring, teaching rounds, departmental training, specialized lectures, and case-based teaching. By 2025, these initiatives reached all 31 provinces, with 500+ events benefiting 42,000+ primary-care physicians. In 2025, we supported the NGO to launch the Remote Case-Based Training Program，to connect county doctors with leading experts via real-world cases and video links. By end-2025, 1,200+ sessions were delivered across 21 remote counties in Xinjiang, Gansu, Guizhou, and Jiangxi.

AstraZeneca's global Young Health Program (YHP), introduced in China in 2013, supports adolescents' healthy development through on-campus activities and public-health classes; by end-2025, it had reached around 42,000 adolescents.

Judges' Remarks

The company has a clearly defined strategy that prioritises both rural revitalisation and inclusive healthcare. It efficiently promotes healthcare access and system-level reform. It adopts a highly mature and well-integrated approach to social impact, delivering large-scale, far-reaching projects with remarkable social benefits. All outcomes are measurable, scalable and sustainable.

Social Impact Award

Grin Natural Products Limited

Born in New Zealand and proudly B-Corp certified, Grin Natural is here to inspire happier choices every day — making natural, sustainable oral care a feel-good little habit that's good for you and even better for the planet. We pair clinically backed, naturally derived formulas with Red Dot Award-winning design and recycled-plastic packaging, and put our purpose to work through Share A Grin, our global giving programme since 2018. From New Zealand to Australia, China, the US, Fiji and Tonga, we believe big change starts with the small, joyful choices we all make every day.

At the heart of Grin Natural's social impact is Share A Grin — our global giving programme, founded in 2018 by Grin founder Tara Tan. The idea is simple: people make choices every day, and when those choices are easier, healthier and kinder, real change can follow. That's why we commit 2% of global revenue in product donations and educational resources to communities affected by hygiene poverty.

What we've achieved so far (per Grin's published programme reporting):

· 500,000+ toothbrushes put into the hands of people who need them — for many, the very first one of their own

· 2 million+ Brushing Challenge charts donated, co-created with dental experts to make twice-daily brushing fun for kids and families

· Australia: 290+ charities and disadvantaged schools supported, with AUD $1.3M+ in essential oral care goods donated

· New Zealand: 30+ schools have joined the 30-Day Brushing Challenge since 2018

· Pacific outreach: With Sea Mercy and Smiles for the Pacific, brushes reach Fiji's remote islands by yacht; in Tonga, we partner with the Heilala Vanilla Foundation

· Sustainable design: Recycled plastic across the range, cutting back on virgin plastic

Every brush, every chart, every greener pack is one happier choice — and they all add up.

Judges' Remarks

The company has a clear strategy and puts education first. It builds a focused and innovative model centred on children's preventive healthcare, and integrates science popularisation with public welfare to support special and vulnerable children. It operates a mature business-for-good model and collaborates with various public welfare organisations, achieving remarkable results via closed-loop intervention with both professionalism and care.

KPMG China

KPMG China operates across 31 cities, employing more than 14,000 partners and staff. This extensive presence enables the firm to deploy experienced professionals efficiently, ensuring consistent delivery of high-quality services to clients. KPMG provides professional audit, tax, and advisory services.

At KPMG China, we are committed to making ESG a watermark running through our organisation, from empowering our people to become agents of positive change to providing better solutions and services to our clients so that they can achieve their ESG goals.

KPMG has partnered with non-profit organizations to implement over 30 public welfare initiatives across three key areas: lifelong learning, promoting inclusive development, and advancing sustainability. We mobilize our employees to give back to society through professional skills and volunteer service. From 2023-25 fiscal years, we contributed almost 50,000 volunteer hours and 30,400 hours of professional service, benefiting more than 310,000 people.

With programs including "Pad for Hope Smart Classrooms" and "Green IT Classrooms", KPMG improves rural digital education facilities and builds high-quality online courses to facilitate teenagers' lifelong learning and growth in the AI era. The "Rural Entrepreneurship Training Programme" gives full play to strengths in finance, taxation, management and digitalization to cultivate and strengthen the operation capability of grassroots organizations. We also engage in wetland conservation, integrating biodiversity protection and circular economy into practice, and was selected as the 2025 typical case for biodiversity conservation by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) as core corporate values, KPMG adheres to merit-based employment, and has been named Asia's Best Employer for nine consecutive years and China Outstanding Employer for eight years, and awarded the "2025 CareER Inclusive Employer Award" and the "2025 LGBTQ+ Inclusion Index Silver Standard".

Judges' Remarks

The company effectively leverages its professional expertise and abundant partnership resources, and deeply integrates public welfare with professional services to deliver social value and industrial leadership. With long-term continuous investment and solid execution, it adopts a structured, professional and company-wide operating approach supported by clear measurement frameworks.

Save the Children
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Save the Children International (UK) Beijing Representative Office

With over 100 years of expertise, Save the Children is the world's first and leading independent children's organisation, working in 108 countries.We have been in China since the 1980s and officially registered in 2017. Our vision is a world where all children enjoy survival, health, education, protection, and participation. Together with children, families and communities, as well as with partners andsupporters from government, business and social sectors at local and national level, we achieved lasting results for nearly 7 millions of children in China and invested $138 million.

Aiming to ensure all children, especially migrant and disadvantaged children, have equal access to protection and quality services, our project established a community-based child protection system in Guangzhou's Nansha District, featuring a coordinated pathway spanning prevention, identification, assessment, and intervention. The initiative reached 18,000 participants, provided in-depth support to 641 children and 320 parents (40% were migrant children family). In addition, the project supported the establishment of Child Welfare Committees across 101 villages, trained 290 local professionals, and developed practical tools including the Community Child Welfare Committees Guidelines and the Guidance for Risk Assessment, creating a systematic model.

Piloted in the core area of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, this model offers strong replicability for similar cities across China and will serve as a long-term practical exemple for building community-based child protection systems, sustainably expanding social welfare impact. At the organizational level, Save the Children has directly contributed to key policy in child protection, including the 2018 revision of the Law on the Protection of Minors and the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Law, and the 2022 introduction of the Regulations on Minors' Justice Social Work Service. In 2025, we reached 155,327 children and 62,569 adults.

Judges' Remarks

The organisation stands out with a highly credible approach to social impact. Its programmes are well designed and evidence-based with a solid closed-loop service mechanism. It demonstrates great depth and consistency in delivering meaningful outcomes at scale, creating tangible social influence.

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She Rewires

She Rewires is a long-standing women-in-STEAM ecosystem that has evolved over nine years, originally founded as Ladies Who Tech and now operating across Asia as a cross-sector collaboration platform.

We connect women in technology with corporates, universities, and innovation partners to support skills development, career transition, and leadership pathways in the digital economy. Through structured capability development and ecosystem collaboration, we enable continuous progression from participation to higher levels of contribution. She Rewires has been recognised with the UN Women WEPs SME Award (2022) and the Women in IT Asia Award – Social Impact Project of the Year(2023).

She Rewires has built one of China's long-standing women-in-STEAM ecosystems, operating continuously for nine years across China and international innovation networks. Originally founded as Ladies Who Tech, it has evolved into a cross-sector platform connecting corporates, universities, and innovation partners to support women's participation and advancement in the digital economy.

Our key achievements include the co-creation of large-scale initiatives such as Women in Digital Future and "Code Without Barriers," with Microsoft China and Logitech "Women Who Master," enabling cross-industry collaboration and structured pathways for skills development and leadership growth.

Through our ecosystem model, we support women to progress from participation into capability building and venture creation, fostering tangible transitions into technology and innovation roles. Unlike traditional program-based initiatives, She Rewires operates as a sustained ecosystem that enables continuous capability development across stakeholders.

Our impact is reflected in long-term ecosystem participation, cross-sector partnerships, and measurable progression of women into higher-value roles in STEAM fields. The model aligns with SDG 5, 8, 9, and 17, focusing on inclusive innovation and sustainable workforce development.

Judges' Remarks

The organisation follows a clear, purpose-led mission focused on empowering women in technology and innovation within the STEAM field. It effectively facilitates women's career growth and innovative development. It has built a mature community with high engagement and a replicable model, winning strong support from all stakeholders.

Sodexo

Sodexo entered the Chinese market in 1995. So far, Sodexo China has a dedicated team of 17,000 employees across over 950 sites, serving over 1.2 million consumers on a daily basis. Over the years, Sodexo China has adhered to Group's mission based on China's reality and developed a skilled and diverse team that provides a myriad of services across the spectrum of Corporate, Healthcare, Education and Sport & Leisure. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

Three decades in China show lasting social impact stems not from standalone charity, but from harnessing our core business strengths: serving 1.2 million consumers at over 950 sites, a 17,000+ workforce, and deep local operational expertise. We embed responsibility into who we hire, how we care for our people, and how we use our business resources to serve communities.

What makes this model distinctive?

Longterm, local partnerships. Since 2013, we have partnered with Shanghai's special vocational schools to build a schooltowork pipeline for people with disabilities through cotraining and job tailoring, not oneoff hiring, enabling stable employment for nearly 450 individuals.

Employeedriven community engagement. Stop Hunger initiative and annual Servathon mobilize employees, clients and suppliers to around real community needs. In 2025, Servathon to Care — in collaboration with the Shanghai Charity Foundation and Xuhui District Civil Affairs Bureau — subsidized meals for seniors across 42 public community canteens supporting China's ageing-in-place policy. Over 430 participants joined our charity hike.

Workforce wellbeing as the foundation. Vita program and 365/24/7 Assistance Program delivered 85% employee engagement in Greater China with 100% participation. Women represent 60% of our workforce, and over 50% of senior leadership.

We measure success by sustained presence, not onetime metrics.

Judges' Remarks

The company adopts a well-established and operationally embedded social impact approach which has been integrated into its governance frameworks. Supported by a global network, its policies and measures are implemented in a scientific and rigorous way with long-term stable investment. Its local programmes are practical and people-oriented. It performs outstandingly in inclusive employment and wellbeing, with broad and sustainable impact.

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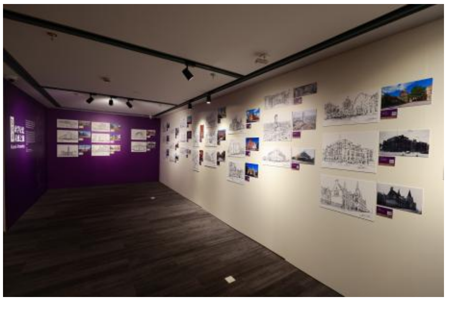
Since its establishment in Shanghai in 2008, The University of Manchester China Centre has actively promoted cultural, educational and business exchanges and cooperation between China and the UK. As the official institution established by the University of Manchester International Education in China, it is committed to nurturing international talents, supporting events organised by relevant Chinese and British government institutions and chambers of commerce, and facilitating the career development of UK alumni in China.

The University of Manchester China Centre integrates social responsibility into education, community work, sustainability and public influence. In line with Manchester 2035, it turns global social and environmental promises into practical local projects in China. It centers on three goals: expanding access to global education, building an inclusive lifelong community, and creating public value via culture and partnerships. Its flexible blended learning lets working professionals study the Global MBA and master's programmes while employed, boosting social mobility and digital-era leadership skills. As a multi-stakeholder platform, the Centre connects students, alumni, academics and employers through forums, career support and lifelong learning. 2023–2025 alumni events strengthened community bonds. It also uses research to improve international education support and adopts low-carbon green office operations. The 2024 Shanghai Bicentenary Exhibition, a public landmark, drew over 1,000 visitors and 2 million media views, promoting Sino-UK cultural and educaitonal exchange. Backed by the University's top global impact ranking, the Centre makes transnational education a force for inclusive, local and global social good.



Judges' Remarks

The institution devotes itself to the localisation of international education. It has highly structured strategies and convincing practical cases. With active stakeholder engagement, it builds a systematic approach to social responsibility, delivering remarkable educational influence and public value.

Social Impact Award - Education

Duke Kunshan University

Duke Kunshan University is a globally oriented liberal arts and research university jointly founded by Duke University, Wuhan University, and the city of Kunshan. Since launching graduate programs and the Global Learning Semester in 2014 and its four-year undergraduate program in 2018, DKU has developed an innovative model of international higher education integrating interdisciplinary learning, research, sustainability, and cross-cultural collaboration. Grounded in a liberal arts philosophy, it prepares students to address complex global challenges. In 2022, it was designated by Chinese authorities as the first "Demonstration Zone for International Cooperation in Education" among Sino-foreign universities, and was featured in Stanford 2025.

Duke Kunshan University's achievement in Social Impact lies in demonstrating how knowledge can serve society and how collaboration can help shape a better future. Rather than presenting isolated initiatives, DKU has built an integrated institutional model that connects educational quality, sustainability, employee wellbeing, stakeholder engagement, and community partnership.

As the first university in mainland China to receive both LEED Building Design and Construction and Operations and Maintenance certifications, DKU has transformed its campus into a living laboratory where infrastructure directly supports teaching, student research, and public engagement. The university has also obtained ISO 41001 certification for Facility Management Services, further demonstrating leadership in campus operations, service quality, sustainability, and systems-based management. Through the Climate and Sustainability Initiative, DKU advances cross-departmental collaboration and embeds sustainability into everyday practice. This model turns educational innovation into social contribution: students gain real-world learning opportunities, employees and partners receive systematic support, and the local community benefits through collaboration, shared learning, and long-term value creation.

Judges' Remarks

The university builds a standardised sustainable campus in line with international standards. It has sound governance and complete frameworks. It maintains strong engagement with local communities through education, research and collaborative programmes, taking a leading position in diverse and inclusive practices. Its impact is credible and steadily delivered with great potential for further scaling.

Keystone Academy Beijing

Keystone Academy is a leading non-profit K12 IB school located in Beijing. A new model of education in China, Keystone Academy blends traditions in eastern, western, and international education, offering a distinctive bilingual program that integrates rigorous academics with character and leadership development. The school prepares students to thrive in a diverse and interconnected world. Environmental awareness is woven throughout the curriculum, encouraging students to become thoughtful leaders and responsible stewards of our planet.

Keystone Academy has built a distinctive model of education by embedding community engagement, sustainability, and social responsibility into everyday learning. Rather than treating social impact as a standalone activity, Keystone integrates it across curriculum design, student leadership, and partnerships with local and global community organisations.

A key milestone is the Festival of Hope, held under the theme “Youth: An Indomitable Force for Peace and Regeneration.“ This student-led summit brought together students from public, private, and international schools across several Chinese cities, a student delegation from Cambodia, as well as educators from around the world. The project encouraged young people to explore themes including cultural heritage, wellbeing, social inequality, environmental coexistence, and emerging technologies, translating awareness into empathy and action.

Keystone sustains impact through long term structures. Regular Education Salons create public dialogue on education and sustainability. Platforms such as student TEDx-style talks, student publications, and initiatives such as Thrive Tribe promote student voice, wellbeing, and advocacy. Partnerships with organisations including Social Worker and RongAiRongLe extend learning into real communities.

Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Keystone’s approach equips students with empathy, leadership, and practical problem-solving skills, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to a more inclusive and sustainable society.

Judges’ Remarks

The school integrates social responsibility into the whole education chain, combining student development, wellbeing and community engagement. Its initiatives are thoughtfully designed and solidly implemented. With students acting as presenters who are both beneficiaries and participants, it achieves outstanding results in cultivating youth influence and delivers meaningful, sustained outcomes.

University of Southampton

University of Southampton China Office

The University of Southampton is a research-intensive university and a founding member of the Russell Group. The University of Southampton China Office supports the University's engagement in China through recruitment and marketing.

Beyond this, we work with local partners on sustainability, inclusion and biodiversity to create positive social impact. We connect students, families and educators with projects that promote responsible consumption, social awareness and community engagement. Through these partnerships, we aim to deliver lasting social value in China.

The University of Southampton China Office has made social impact central to its work in China, guided by an education-led sustainability strategy. Since 2023, we have launched three main initiatives:

Eco-friendly product partnerships with Chinese social enterprises – resulting in eight recycled-material items distributed across more than 400 events.

A collaboration with Blue Sheep Handicrafts Gift Shop – supporting artisans with disabilities, from disadvantaged backgrounds, and from ethnic minority communities.

A conservation partnership with Nanjing Hongshan Forest Zoo – helping to raise awareness of biodiversity.

These initiatives engage students, families, educators and local partners, promoting responsible consumption, inclusion and environmental awareness. They strengthen cross-sector collaboration by connecting our university network with local partners, blending international education with measurable social value. We are proud that our work has moved beyond recruitment to deliver tangible, lasting social impact in China.

Judges' Remarks

The institution creates a focused and innovative approach to social impact. It empowers young people via educational communication and supports people with disabilities and ethnic minorities. It fully combines public welfare with institutional strengths and excels at cross-sector partnerships. Though operated by a small team, all programmes are consistently delivered, credible and results-driven, with great potential for scaling up.

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Founded in 2006 by Xi'an Jiaotong University and the University of Liverpool, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University is China's largest Sino-foreign cooperative university. XJTLU brings together around 25,000 students and 2,400 staff from approximately 100 countries and regions. Combining Chinese and British educational strengths with a strong international outlook, the University advances research-led education, interdisciplinary collaboration and industry engagement. Through its commitment to sustainability, innovation and global knowledge exchange, XJTLU prepares future-ready graduates to address complex environmental, social and economic challenges.

XJTLU embeds social responsibility into its core Education Strategy. As China's first PRME Champion School (2023), we host the UN University-recognised Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. Student-led "Sustainable Future Talents" won the Global RCE Recognition Award. Community garden actions won national awards for three consecutive years and were published by the China Science Popularization Network. The Outdoor Research and Teaching Space turned campuses into living laboratories for education, wellbeing, biodiversity, and engaged 200+ student societies.

Rural revitalisation programmes have organised students to conduct fieldwork and volunteer teaching in Guizhou, Shaanxi, Qinghai, Sichuan, and Anhui. XJTLU continues to work closely with local governments to advance sustainable development, empowering students to become global citizens with sustainability literacy and a strong sense of social responsibility. Through these initiatives, the University nurtures graduates who combine an international outlook with a commitment to serving society. At the same time, it delivers measurable positive impact for local communities, strengthens youth engagement, and contributes to greener, more inclusive urban futures. By linking education with real-world challenges, XJTLU ensures that learning extends beyond the classroom and creates lasting value for society, supporting both community wellbeing and the long-term development of sustainable cities and regions across China.

Judges' Remarks

The university adopts a structured approach to embedding sustainability and social responsibility into its education model. Practical projects such as community gardens focus on urban-rural equity and have gained wide international recognition. Its initiatives align well with overall development goals and stakeholder collaboration.

Award No.6

Sustainable Supply Chain Award

This award recognises organisations operating in China that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in developing, implementing, and scaling responsible and sustainable supply chain practices. It celebrates organisations that actively manage environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities across their value chains, including multi-tier suppliers, while working collaboratively with suppliers and partners to create measurable and lasting impact.

Key Judging Criteria

- Responsible and Green Procurement
- Carbon Reduction and Climate Impact
- Governance, Risk Management, and Continuous Improvement
- Supply Chain Efficiency and Resource Optimisation
- Transparency, Traceability, and Accountability
- Empowerment & Collaboration

The Judging Panel

- **Walter Lin** | Managing Director Asia, Sedex
- **Jean Xu** | SGP & GPM Director for Coca-cola Greater China & Mongolia
- **Prof. Jing Dai** | Chair Professor of Sustainable Operations and Technology Management, Director of RCE Ningbo, Director of Centre for Responsible Business and Innovation, Co-Programme Director of MIT SCALE Nottingham Ningbo Masters in Supply Chain Management

The Finalists

- Inner Mongolia Mengniu Dairy (Group) Co., Ltd.
- Ningbo Orient Wires & Cables Co.,Ltd.
- Sodexo
- Vitalink Technology Co., Ltd.
- ZKH Industrial Supply Co., Ltd.

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By participating in our Professional Development Programme, you will gain the following benefits:

- **Comprehensive development of management knowledge and skills, preparing you for market challenges and transformation;**
- **Personalized learning plans and guidance, based on individual needs and background**
- **Networking opportunities with industry elites and peers from diverse sectors, expanding networks and partnership**
- **Acquisition and understanding of internationally advanced management expertise, integrated with practices in the Chinese market, to enhance your competitiveness for career advancement.**

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- Strategic Marketing and Brand Management
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- International Business and Strategic Thinking
- Global Economic and Financial Trends
- Financial Management
- Effective Leadership and Organizational Management
- Intercultural Communication and Team Management
- Practical Application of Mainstream Financial and Economic Databases
- Operations Management for International Projects
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- Data Analysis and Decision-Making
- Capital Markets and Corporate Governance
- Harvard Business School – Leadership and Team Simulation: Mount Everest

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Inner Mongolia Mengniu Dairy (Group) Co., Ltd.

In 1999, Mengniu Dairy (referred to as Mengniu), among the top nine dairy producers in the world, was founded in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, headquartered in Hohhot. As a Hongkong-listed company (stock code 2319.HK), Mengniu is a constituent stock of Hang Seng Index, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index（HSCEI）and Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index (HSSUS). COFCO corporation is the major strategic shareholder of Mengniu.

Mengniu is committed to deliver nutritious, healthy and exquisite diary products to worldwide consumers. Mengniu's products include liquid milk, ice cream, milk powder, cheese and other categories, composing a variety of brands, such as Milk Deluxe and Just Yogurt of UHT milk, Guanyiru and YoyiC of chilled yogurt, shiny meadow of fresh milk, Deluxe of ice cream, Ruibuen and Bellamys Organic of milk powder, and Aishichenxi professional dairy of cheese. Mengniu is a market share leader in the field of deluxe pure milk, fresh yogurt, deluxe fresh milk and cheese. Mengniu covers not only China market, but also steps into the dairy market in Southeast market, Oceania, North America in over ten countries.

Mengniu, the only dairy shortlisted in Fortune China ESG Impact List 2025, has outstanding ESG performances. It built 37 national green factories including the world's first dairy lighthouse factory, zero-carbon factories, AWS and zero-waste landfilling factories. It completed carbon footprint certification for 18 products, realized 100% traceable raw milk, and donated milk to 118,000 children. Its MSCI ESG rating reaches AA, the industry's highest.

Judges' Remarks

The company has complete management systems and workflows. It embeds sustainability across the full supply chain through its GREEN Strategy and builds a full carbon reduction system covering raw materials, production and logistics, with detailed data on energy saving, emission cuts and plastic reduction. It collaborates closely with suppliers on compliance management and sets long-term green goals, standing as an outstanding ESG benchmark.

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Ningbo Orient Wires & Cables Co., Ltd.

Ningbo Orient Wires & Cables Co., Ltd. (Orient Cable, 603606) is a core supplier of land and subsea cable systems in China, ranking among the Top 10 global subsea cable enterprises, Top 10 in China's wire and cable industry, and Top 100 listed companies in China. The company operates in three segments: land cables, subsea cables, and deep-sea technology. It is a UNGC participant and member of The Copper Mark. Its climate targets are SBTi-validated and it participates in CDP disclosure, achieving an A- rating in the CDP Supplier Engagement Assessment for two consecutive years.

Low-carbon development: The company has achieved 100% renewable electricity use and reduced operational carbon emissions by 90%. The Blue Carbon Programme 1.0 initiative drives supply chain decarbonization, enabling 7 core suppliers to complete carbon footprint verification, promoting renewable electricity adoption, and supporting the development of recycled metals, bio-based plastics, and recyclable materials.

ESG management: The Blue Carbon Programme 2.0 focuses on supply chain sustainability. In collaboration with the University of Nottingham Ningbo and RCE Ningbo, the Evaluation specification for environmental, social and governance (ESG) of manufacturing enterprises and a digital ESG platform were developed. Supplier ESG audit coverage has reached 100%.

Digital application: SRM supported by SAP, WMS, and CAPP enables end-to-end supply chain coordination, reducing spare-parts suppliers by 15%, procurement errors by 5%, and improving efficiency by 10%.

Circular economy: In 2025, 2,000 tons of metals (copper and aluminum) and 300 tons of PVC were recycled. Over 13,000 pallets were recovered, and high-voltage cable pallets achieved 100% recycling. MDI pallets made from bamboo fiber and residues support circular economy practices.

Judges' Remarks

As a forward-looking enterprise, the company attaches great importance to ESG and has set a 2050 net-zero target validated by SBTi. Its Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions have obtained third-party verification by SGS. It optimises the supply chain via tiered supplier management, digital systems and the Blue Carbon Programme with fully measurable outcomes. We look forward to stronger internal collaboration to make it an industry benchmark.

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Sustainable Supply Chain Award

Sodexo

Sodexo entered the Chinese market in 1995. So far, Sodexo China has a dedicated team of 17,000 employees across over 950 sites, serving over 1.2 million consumers on a daily basis. Over the years, Sodexo China has adhered to Group's mission based on China's reality and developed a skilled and diverse team that provides a myriad of services across the spectrum of Corporate, Healthcare, Education and Sport & Leisure. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

In Sodexo China's operations, sustainable sourcing faces two key challenges: geographic diversity (varying crops across climates) and supplier fragmentation (2,400+ active suppliers, from local SMEs to global firms). We needed a model balancing both without compromising sustainability.

Our response is systemic: tiered supplier management (Potential, Qualified, Preferred, Strategic) with ESG embedded in onboarding, annual review and renewal. We set higher standards for strategic partners and support SMEs to meet sustainable standards.

Our difference lies in localizing global sustainability standards. As the sector's first to obtain CQC's "Green Supply Chain Evaluation" certificate (a state-recognized framework that adapts global criteria to China's context), we co-develop national "Cold Chain Low-Carbon" indicators. Local validation, not JUST global certifications, is key.

Results confirm the model: 100% supplier Code of Conduct signatory rate. EcoVadis 82 (top 3% globally), CDP 'A' for Climate Action. Sustainable seafood 86%, paper 91%, palm oil 100% (3 years). 8,000+ daily plastic bags cut via reusable crates; cage-free eggs at multiple sites.

Our SME base (74% of spend, >RMB 1bn) reflects inclusive sustainable sourcing: we do not exclude suppliers by size, but enable SMEs to improve sustainability with us – the gap between holding a certification and building true supply chain capability.

Judges' Remarks

The company adopts digital tools to deliver measurable efficiency and waste reduction, and implements comprehensive green standards for ingredients, supplies and catering services. Driven by technological innovation and supply chain collaboration, it achieves remarkable results with joint efforts of all staff. It ranks among the global top 3% in EcoVadis assessment and obtains CDP A rating for climate action, setting a solid industry benchmark.

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Sustainable Supply Chain Award

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Vitalink Technology Co., Ltd.

Vitalink is a global technology company dedicated to interface enhancement technologies and related materials engineering. With deep-rooted expertise in Color, Material, and Surface Finish (CMF) and driven by our core PVD interface enhancement technology, we provide end-to-end solutions—from concept design to mass production—for customers across consumer electronics, new energy vehicles, and smart hardware. We operate 10 modern manufacturing bases and R&D centers in China, Vietnam, and South Korea, ranking as the world's No.1 provider of metal PVD solutions for consumer electronics and among the top three providers of glass PVD solutions globally.

We integrate sustainability into our supply chain management. Through deep collaboration with suppliers, customers, and operational partners, we continuously strengthen our sustainable supply chain system. We regularly manage risks through mechanisms such as surveys, on-site audits, and performance reviews, while proactively identifying and driving improvement opportunities through quality improvement initiatives, capability-building programs, and targeted training sessions.

In 2025, the company formally launched our Supply Chain ESG Program, covering 260 core suppliers of primary and auxiliary materials. Of these, 74% participated in our ESG survey. Concurrently, we have worked with suppliers to deliver thematic training on product quality improvement, labor rights, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Internally, we continue to build the capacity of our sustainable procurement specialists, creating a collaborative green supply chain mechanism that integrates internal and external efforts.

Thanks to our long-standing collaborative improvement practices, we achieved an ESG rating in the top 6% of our industry in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). We continue to advance Scope 3 carbon accounting and verification with our supply chain. In early 2026, we formally obtained both near-term and net-zero target validation by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), and commit to regular our progress disclosure.

Judges' Remarks

The company embeds ESG criteria fully into responsible procurement and the whole supply chain, covering supplier onboarding, contracts and risk assessments. It has complete full-process management, measurable efficiency gains and high transparency. It builds digital platforms to boost efficiency and continuously empowers suppliers. We look forward to its ESG practices extending to more tiers of suppliers to achieve full supply chain coverage.

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ZKH Industrial Supply Co., Ltd.

ZKH is a digital industrial service platform, offering one-stop industrial procurement and management solutions to make supply chains transparent, efficient and cost-effective. It covers spare parts, consumables, chemicals and other supplies,with 32 product lines, over 27 million SKUs and 180,000+ cooperative clients. Guided by digitalization and customer-oriented belief, ZKH is committed to realizing the vision of “To be a World Leading Industrial Supplies Company Offering Superior Customer Value”by adhering to the mission of “Transparency and Efficiency, for Better Commerce” and upholding the cooperation value of“Spare No Effort to Help Customers Succeed”.


SCIENCE BASED TARGETS

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NEAR-TERM SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS

SBTi Services has validated that the science-based greenhouse gas emissions reductions target(s) submitted by Shanghai Kunhe Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd conform with the SBTi Standards and Guidance (Criteria version 5.2).

SBTi Services has classified your company's scope 1 and 2 target ambition in conformance with the SBTi Standards and Guidance

The official near-term science-based target language:

Shanghai Kunhe Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd commits to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 42% by 2030 from a 2023 base year. Shanghai Kunhe Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd commits to reduce scope 3 GHG emissions from light commercial vehicles and medium and heavy freight trucks covering upstream transportation and distribution 25.4% per tonne kilometer by 2030 from a 2023 base year.* *The target boundary includes land-related emissions and removals from bioenergy feedstocks.

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· Digital & Green Breakthroughs
AI material management raised customer standardization rate to >95%, boosting procurement efficiency by 30%. Automated transport routing saved RMB 1.68M and cut 6 vehicles in Yangtze Delta. LED retrofit saved 64% electricity, reducing 2024 consumption by 4.11% (135 tCO_2e). Scope 1&2 emissions fell 26.9% vs 2022; carbon intensity per output dropped 18%.

· Resource Circularity
47% of orders used simplified packaging, cutting material cost by 17.3%. Monthly recycling: 2,018 pallets + 20,000 used cartons. Water, waste, and packaging intensity fell 19%, 13%, and 11% respectively; hazardous waste treated at 100%.

· Full-Chain Collaboration
100% of suppliers signed ESG clauses; 10,000+ underwent due diligence. Signed emission-reduction pacts with JD, Deppon, SF (12% cut by 2025). Subsidiary Kunhe obtained SBTi certification (42% Scope 1&2 reduction by 2030). Co-authored national standard, earned CDP B score, 30+ awards, and Shanghai AI+ excellence case.

Judges’ Remarks

As a digital industrial supplies platform, the company reshapes the supply chain with a "platform + tool + service" model. It applies AI-driven tools for supply chain management and risk identification, with full-process ESG governance covering all suppliers. Its achievements in carbon reduction, efficiency improvement and cost saving are far above industry average, proving that digital platforms can drive responsible procurement, resource optimisation and low-carbon logistics at scale. We look forward to further expanding ESG practices to its own brands for in-depth and all-round influence.

This award recognises organisations, NGOs, academic institutions, and public-sector bodies that have formed exceptional, impactful, and/or innovative partnerships to address sustainability challenges. It celebrates collaborative initiatives that demonstrate meaningful sharing of resources, expertise, approaches, and organisational cultures, and that deliver measurable and lasting outcomes.

Key Judging Criteria

- Strategic and Focused Collaboration
- Depth and Quality of Collaboration
- Measurable Impact
- Sustainability Focus
- Long-term Value and Commitment
- Transparency and Influence

The Judging Panel

- **Jason Dong** | Executive Director, Climate Lighthouse Professional Committee, Shanghai Climate Week
- **Koko Tang** | Founder of Colorful Earth, Head of Global Impact Measurement at World Sustainability Hospitality Alliance
- **Jin Xu** | National Consultant, UNDP China

The Finalists

- CM Venture Capital
- Climate Future Global Innovation Lab (C Force Lab), Institute of Carbon Neutrality, Peking University
- New World China Land Limited, and Beam Society Limited
- Shanghai Fanwang Eco-Tech Co., Ltd.
- Unilever


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Partnership Award

CM Venture Capital

CM Venture Capital is a venture capital firm focused on Materials Science & Resources, Energy Transition & Electrification, and AI + Industrial sectors. Leveraging the deep technical expertise of its international team and the industrial resources of dozens of Fortune 500 strategic investors, the firm is committed to empowering innovative technology companies to become leaders in future industries.

CM Venture Capital is a deep-tech venture capital firm that identifies and invests in disruptive technologies. Its portfolio spans advanced materials, synthetic biology, circular recycling, energy storage, alternative energy, industrial decarbonisation, and AI enabled solutions. ENWISE's mission is to fuel a zero carbon industry with on site green power plants. Through its dry anaerobic process, ENWISE upcycles organic waste into biomethane.

The partnership was established to address a critical sustainability challenge in the palm oil industry: the environmentally harmful disposal of biomass waste such as Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME) and Empty Fruit Bunches (EFB). With CM Venture's investment and strategic support, ENWISE is scaling a solution that converts large scale palm oil mill waste into renewable energy, reduces pollution, and shifts the industry toward a circular economy. The partnership also creates value through collaboration with Sinarmas Group, one of Indonesia's largest palm oil producers with significant operations in China. Together, the partnership demonstrates a scalable pathway to decarbonise agricultural processing while generating tangible environmental and economic value. To date, pilot results showed more than a 100% increase in biogas production output. The initiative aligns with China's "dual carbon" goals and UN SDGs 7, 12 and 13.

Judges' Remarks

This project focuses on waste-to-energy and circular resource utilisation, with a clear sustainability theme, strong alignment between technical pathways and industrial scenarios, and robust capital support. It has established a partnership model comprising owners, venture capital platforms and technology enterprises, delivering tangible breakthroughs in energy-saving and environmental technologies. We look forward to seeing the localised and scaled implementation of its technologies, further enhancing collaborative value across social dimensions and ecological co-operation.

Partnership Award

Climate Future Global Innovation Lab (C Force Lab), Institute of Carbon Neutrality, Peking University

Incubated by the Institute of Carbon Neutrality at Peking University, the Climate Futures Global Innovation Lab (C Force Lab) was officially launched during the 29th UNFCCC Climate Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan. As an exploratory collaborative platform, C Force engages in diverse innovative cooperation with global partners to explore new culture, new agenda, new actors, and new narrative for global green and sustainable transition. Serving as a “joint space station” for new ideas and actions, it bridges the inner and external dimensions, the present and the future, as well as natural sciences and social sciences. Together with global partners, it strives to chart a new course toward a sustainable future for humanity.

The "Promoting Synergistic Governance of Climate Change and Gender Equality" project is led by C Force of the Institute of Carbon Neutrality at Peking University. In partnership with the Women's Research Institute of the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) and China Association for NGO Cooperation China, the project is actively working with multiple stakeholders, including government think-tanks, research academia, UN agencies and development bank, as well as various social organizations and enterprises. Focusing on the systematic challenge of "the lack of a gender perspective in climate action", the project promotes formation of a localized synergistic governance framework for climate and gender in China, filling the gap between policies and practices.

It has achieved remarkable results: completing 3 milestone studies, including“Case study” and “Data Report”; officially publishing the first domestic monograph "An Introduction to Synergistic Governance of Climate Change and Gender Equality", filling the gap in the field; Jointly hosting the Central Asian Regional Workshop on Gender and Climate Synergies, covering 10 member states of CAREC and more than 150 representatives from governments and international organizations. The results at the governance level are remarkable. It have been adopted by ACWF, which has decided to establish the first domestic professional committee on "Environment, Climate and Gender", with the joint leaders of the project serving as members to build an institutional platform for the long-term promotion of the issue.

Judges’ Remarks

This project innovatively links climate action and gender equality, directly addressing the long-overlooked issue of gender blindness in dual-carbon and ESG practices. The subject is genuine, urgent and of high strategic value. The project has developed a deeply co-creative, dual-lead collaborative mechanism with a highly influential and replicable partnership model, which has been rolled out to multiple countries. We expect its work to generate momentum for systemic change and deliver greater environmental outcomes in future.

Partnership Award

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New World China Land Limited
Beam Society Limited

New World China is the flagship Mainland China property arm of Hong Kong-listed New World Development Company Limited ("NWD"; Hong Kong Stock Code: 00017) and an early Hong Kong pioneer entering the Mainland China property market. We are a leading developer committed to embedding sustainability across its portfolio.

BEAM Society Limited (BSL) is an independent, non-profit membership organization established in 1996. Being the developer and owner of the Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM), BSL is committed to administering and developing the BEAM Plus Assessment Tools. We offer impartial assessment on building sustainability and build capacity by providing training for BEAM practitioners

New World China, in partnership with the BEAM Society Limited (BSL), participated in the Qianhai green building standard pilot assessment programme using the Qianhai CTF Finance Tower as a pilot project, making it the first office building in Shenzhen to achieve BEAM Plus "Dual Excellence" certification in both Management and Energy. The tower delivers 18% energy savings and 45% water savings (both exceeding LEED baseline performance), with an overall building energy saving rate of over 19.9%, and uses 24% recycled materials and 95% regional materials.

This pilot certification programme resulted in the development of the Qianhai Green Building Assessment Standard, which was officially launched in August 2025. Under the "One Assessment, Dual Certification" mechanism, the standard serves as a pioneering model for building a green and low carbon system across Hong Kong and Mainland China. Using Hong Kong's green building standard "BEAM Plus" as the basis, it further incorporates national standards and Qianhai's development needs, forming a replicable and scalable path for the development of green building assessment practices.

This initiative not only addresses the local needs of Qianhai but also facilitates deeper integration between Shenzhen and Hong Kong – and even the broader Greater Bay Area – in terms of green building assessment mechanisms, policy tools, and technical approaches.

Judges' Remarks

This project focuses on the mutual recognition of green building standards between mainland China and Hong Kong, pioneering a "one-assessment dual-certification" scheme that effectively reduces the cost of repeated certification, with strong industry value and clear relevance to the Chinese context. The project has clear governance and successful pilot outcomes, including measurable gains in energy and water efficiency. Several projects have signed expressions of interest, indicating strong replication potential. We expect it to further strengthen evidence for its mature recognition system and monitor delivery and scale-up outcomes in future.

Partnership Award

Shanghai Fanwang Eco-Tech Co., Ltd.

Shanghai Fanwang Eco-Tech is a specialist in"Dual-Carbon" and ESG consulting. We partner with industry leaders like Frost & Sullivan to create an integrated "IPO Compliance + Dual-Carbon Strategy" service for pre-IPO companies. Our mission is to solve critical pain points such as missing carbon emission data, weak ESG systems, and insufficient green narratives, helping enterprises establish international-standard sustainable practices from day one and ensuring they meet stringent regulatory compliance requirements.

Frost & Sullivan and Shanghai Fanwang Eco-Tech pioneered an integrated "IPO Compliance + Dual-Carbon Strategy" closed-loop partnership. Jointly we have served 19 HK IPO prospectuses and 1 annual ESG report, with 7 projects successfully handling multiple rounds of HKEX inquiries, ensuring a high compliance pass rate across biopharma, manufacturing, and logistics. In 2024–2025, we helped clients account for and optimize over 350,000 tonnes of CO_2e. We established greenhouse gas management systems for 16 enterprises and board-level ESG governance for 12, solidifying long-term green financing capabilities. The"Industry Consultant + Dual-Carbon Expert" model has been replicated across diverse sectors, transforming from single-project delivery into a standardized solution. Building on this strong foundation, we are now preparing an industry white paper and a tiered training program for 2026, marking the evolution from commercial delivery to industry standard-setting and talent incubation. This partnership consistently empowers China's green capital market by turning compliance into strategic sustainability leadership.

Judges' Remarks

This project integrates IPO compliance and dual-carbon management, filling a market gap in ESG disclosure and carbon accounting for pre-IPO enterprises. It has a clear service logic and robust quantitative results, enhancing enterprises' core competitiveness through complementary institutional strengths. It is a successful commercial partnership focused on consultancy enablement. We look forward to the enterprise continuing to strengthen co-operation to improve direct environmental and social benefits in future.

Partnership Award

Unilever

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of Beauty & Wellbeing, Personal Care, Home Care and Foods products, with sales in more than 185 countries and products used by 3.7 billion people every day. We have 96,000 employees and generated sales of €50.5 billion in 2025.

Unilever has established a long-term partnership with the China Environmental Protection Foundation (CEPF) to address systemic challenges including ecosystem degradation, community livelihoods, and drinking-water safety in China's key ecological regions. The collaboration integrates Unilever's sustainability strategy and brand purpose with national environmental priorities.

Over 14 years, the partners have implemented a series of projects across Tibet, Qinghai, and Yunnan. The LUX Green Khata Initiative, supported by science-based research and grassland restoration, has rehabilitated more than 20,000 mu of degraded grassland on the Qinghai–Tibet Plateau, achieving nearly 9,000 tonnes of net CO_2 absorption and benefiting close to 30,000 herders. It also supported local livelihoods through mechanisms such as the grass-planting cooperatives. Additionally, our water safety projects have supported source-water patrols in 12 eco-villages in the Three-River-Source region, engaging over 3,000 ecological rangers across more than 4,000 km², built 34 drinking-water facilities, and provided facilities to a school in Yunnan, benefiting around 800 students and teachers. The partnership also engages the public through consumer actions and offline exhibitions.

The collaboration has pioneered a replicable model combining science-based solutions, community co-creation, and public engagement, delivering long-term environmental and social value in support of China's "Beautiful China" and "Healthy China" strategies.

Judges' Remarks

This project has been delivered robustly with long-term commitment. It successfully integrates corporate resources, public governance, scientific restoration and community benefits into a complete closed loop, achieving significant results in ecological restoration and livelihood improvement. It benefits from a mature partnership and measurable outcomes, realising the integration of ecological and commercial value. We also look forward to the enterprise innovating its model and leading deeper social co-creation in future.

Award No.8

ESG Leader Award (Individual Award)

This award recognises outstanding individuals who are driving meaningful progress towards a more sustainable, inclusive, and responsible future. It honours leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles and who have led impactful initiatives creating measurable value for their organisations, industries, and wider communities.

Key Judging Criteria

- Visionary leadership
- Measurable impact
- Delivery of demonstrable change
- Collaboration and stakeholder engagement
- Innovation and forward-thinking approaches
- Influence and communication

The Judging Panel

- **Dr Nanqing Jiang** | Executive Director, Institute of Carbon Neutrality and Circular Economy (ICNCE)
- **Dr Yalong Zhang** | Director, Hong Kong Institute for Sustainable Development; Executive Director, Shenzhen Institute for Sustainable Development
- **Leo Liu** | General Manager, Grin Natural

The Finalists

- Ye Lee CHEN | Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) and Chair of the ESG Committee, Pakplast Qingdao Co., Ltd.
- Jin DU | Founder & CEO, Greenverse (Shanghai) Eco-technology Company
- Yanqing XIE | General Manager & Brand Founder, Recottonplus (Suzhou) Textile Co., Ltd.
- Chen YU | CEO and ESG Director, Jiangsu Yuecheng Renewable Resources Co., Ltd.
- Shu Wah YUEN | Director, Manfield Coatings Company Limited; Managing Director, Alxa Springfield Ecology Company Limited

ESG Leader Award (Individual Award)

Ye Lee CHEN

Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) and Chair of the ESG Committee, Pakplast Qingdao Co., Ltd.

Ye Lee Chen, Malaysian Chinese, CSO and Chair of the ESG Committee of Pakplast Qingdao. Upon attaining ESG Diploma certification from UK Corporate Governance Institute in 2024, she integrated ESG strategy into company's governance to lead its sustainable development, becoming a model for ESG practices among SMEs in traditional industries. Embracing circular economy principles, she has empowered green industrial transformation and stimulated food packaging industry's attention to sustainable development. As a member of CMSS Sustainable Development Committee, she advances ESG understanding through industry sharing and cross-sector collaboration. Mdm. Chen serves as a female mentor of Australian Alumni, empowering women's potential.

Ye Lee Chen embedded long-term sustainable development into Pakplast's corporate ethos and culture, implicitly shaping Pakplast employees' awareness of sustainability. Mdm. Chen has guided the company and its employees toward mutual growth, leading to an exemplary green transformation of a traditional industry.

Environmental: Led a 10,000m2 solar power project, supplying 23% of electricity consumption in production, achieving an annual CO2 reduction of approximately 700mt. Promoted the use of food-grade recycled materials, reducing usage of virgin materials. Reduced material usage through green production technology upgrading. Pakplast was awarded 2024 Top 10 "Business for Good Award", named finalist of "Business for Good Entrepreneur", won 2025 Sedex "Supply Chain Innovation" award, accredited as "Shandong Green Factory", along with GRS4.0, ISO50001, and other international certifications.

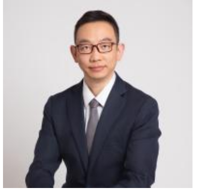
Social and Governance: Employees' ability and well-being have improved with suggestions and care mechanisms, multi-level training and career planning. Pakplast contributed to community services, organizing environmental awareness activities in the community to inspire the next generation. The integration of ESG discipline into supply chain management drove the entire supply chain towards sustainable, just and inclusive practices.

With Mdm. Chen's initiative, Pakplast has published its ESG report since 2024. As an SME with limited resources, Pakplast demonstrates responsibility and commitment.

Judges' Remarks

During the inheritance, Ms. Chen integrates sustainability concepts and formulates dedicated strategies. The factory has completed remarkable green transformation and launched a wide range of environmental initiatives, setting an excellent example for the industry.

ESG Leader Award (Individual Award)



Jin DU

Founder & CEO, Greenverse (Shanghai) Eco-technology Company

Nick Du holds a Master's degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Science and Technology of China and owns three national invention patents. He is the Commission Member of CEESP – IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy，the Founder and CEO of Greenverse，ESG expert of Green Technology Bank, expert consultant of Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability , and a member of the "Financial Support for Biodiversity" research group under China Financial Association's Green Finance Committee. He is also a contributing writer for the Ministry of Commerce's China Sustainability Tribune, and published the book ESG and Biodiversity.

Greenverse
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Nick Du has pioneered China's biodiversity risk management infrastructure from the ground up. As Founder & CEO of Greenverse, he built the nation's first TNFD-certified quantitative biodiversity risk assessment platform, filling a critical gap where Chinese financial institutions previously lacked tools to measure, disclose, and act on nature-related exposures.

His platform integrates 20+ global ecological databases with localized high-resolution habitat data, enabling lifecycle risk quantification across energy, manufacturing, and forestry sectors. This directly supports alignment with TNFD, CSRD/ESRS, and GRI frameworks—capabilities previously unavailable in China's market.

Beyond technology, Du advances the regulatory ecosystem: he serves as IUCN CEESP Commissioner, advises China's Green Finance Committee on biodiversity finance standards, and co-authored the first professional monograph on ESG and biodiversity in China (2024). His 2024 research report with Beijing Green Finance Institute established corporate biodiversity risk assessment methodologies now referenced by policymakers.

With 15 years spanning biochemistry research, Silicon Valley R&D, and enterprise risk consulting at EY and IBM, Du uniquely bridges scientific rigor with financial sector application. He is now driving a "Nature Positive by 2030" initiative targeting 10,000 Chinese enterprises, positioning China to contribute actionable standards to global biodiversity governance rather than merely adopt them.

Judges' Remarks

The commercialisation of biodiversity services faces great challenges. With profound industry expertise and solid consulting experience, Nick provides biodiversity assessment and promotion services and holds forward-looking international vision. We expect stronger on-the-ground implementation and sustainable scalable development.

ESG Leader Award (Individual Award)

Yanqing XIE

General Manager & Brand Founder, Recottonplus (Suzhou) Textile Co., Ltd.

YANQING XIE the founder of RECOTTONPLUS(SUZHOU) TEXTILE CO., LTD. She is a female leader dedicated to advancing sustainable development long-term.
· With 23 years of experience in the textile industry and 16 years focus on circular textiles.
· As early as 2014–2015, she facilitated and launched H&M's world's first pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled cotton project.
· Founded the RecottonPlus™ recycled fiber brand factory in 2024, with GRS certification.
· The company is Chinese partner of INDITEX TBP project..
· Collaborated with the European platform AWARE™ to launch products with DPP (Digital Product Passport).
She is also a long-standing volunteer for charity and environmental protection initiatives.

Xie Yanqing with the mission of building "trusted sustainable textile industry in China", and established a self-controllable closed-loop system for recycled cotton fibers.

Adopting mechanical recycling—the lowest-carbon circular pathway. It adheres to the philosophy of zero water consumption, no re-dyeing, and preservation of original fiber properties. For every 1kg RecottonPlus™ fiber, compared to 1 kg of conventional cotton fiber, water savings over 10,000 liters, and chemical consumption is reduced by 99%.

An intelligent sorting system has been deployed with an annual textile waste processing capacity over 1,000 tons. The brand has built a clean, precise, and reliable automated factory, which has greatly improved working conditions and boosted employee health satisfaction by 40%. A hierarchical utilization system for textile waste has also been established: high-purity premium raw materials go into high-end finished products; complex raw materials are used for packaging and accessories; ultra-short fibers are repurposed for papermaking, art creation, and other fields—achieving near-zero waste.

Committed to strict transparency, compliance, and traceability, the brand has obtained GRS international certification. partnered with the Netherlands-based Aware™ blockchain traceability platform and launched 10+ types of DPP full-chain dynamically traceable products. These have been integrated into the recycled material supply chains of 10+ fashion brands as well. 10+textile art public welfare workshops, benefiting orphanages and rural schools.

Judges' Remarks

Ms. Xie identifies industrial pain points and pioneers advanced recycling and regeneration technology for waste cotton textiles. She develops high-end recycled products and delivers remarkable constructive value for carbon reduction and environmental protection across the industry.

Chen YU

CEO and ESG Director, Jiangsu Yuecheng Renewable Resources Co., Ltd.

Yu Chen, born in 1979, holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Renmin University of China. With rich experience in financial risk control, project management and corporate operations, she is currently General Manager of Wuxi Xingcan Renewable Resources Co., Ltd., CEO & ESG Director of Jiangsu Yuecheng Renewable Resources Co., Ltd., and Director of Wuxi Office of Jiangsu Circular Economy Association. She leads the construction of waste lead-acid battery recycling systems and online platforms, promoting efficient resource utilization.

As CEO & ESG Director of Jiangsu Yuecheng Renewable Resources, Yu Chen drives ESG excellence in waste lead-acid battery recycling. She built a full-lifecycle digital traceability platform, raising the regional standardized recycling rate from below 20% to over 70%, disposing 100,000+ tons in 2025 with 75,000-ton CO_2 equivalent emission reduction. She led alignment with EU Battery Regulation and pioneered recycled lead carbon footprint accounting, helping Chinese firms break green trade barriers. She formalized over 200 informal recycling practitioners，opened digital tools to 50+ SMEs and 5,000+ outlets, and formed a government-enterprise supervision system. She launched an all-in-one mini-program for recycling, tracing and reverse invoicing, upgrading industry operations. She promoted ESG as a survival necessity, integrated ESG into performance, built "urban mining" benchmarks, and advanced low-carbon transition in line with China's dual carbon goals and UN SDGs.

Judges' Remarks

Ms. Yu has built an innovative battery recycling model linking policymakers, enterprises and recyclers with outstanding commercial highlights. She is pragmatic and action-oriented. We look forward to her driving industrial upgrading based on her existing business.

ESG Leader Award (Individual Award)

Shu Wah YUEN

Director, Manfield Coatings Company Limited;
Managing Director, Alxa Springfield Ecology Company Limited

S.W. Yuen is a distinguished Hong Kong industrialist and philanthropist, serving as the former Chairman of Manfield Chemical (HK1561) and Chairman of Alxa Springfield Ecology Company. 1972 HKU First Class Honour graduate and Commonwealth Scholarship holder, he received the 1995 Young Industrialist Award, the 2012 HKMA Gold Award, and Honorary Citizenship of Guangzhou.

Dedicated to sustainable industry, his company won the 2025 For Good Enterprise ESG TOP10 and TVB ESG Social Innovation Technology Award. Through no-irrigation afforestation coupled with innovative sand-industry he drives green projects that integrate commercial success with environmental and social sustainability.

2025 For Good Enterprise ESG TOP10: As a premier social value award in China, the Award serves as a benchmark for integrating sustainable development with social impact. From nearly 400 applicants, Yuen's enterprise was selected by 80 experts for the TOP10. This honor recognizes his "Green Tech + Industrial Synergy" model, which combines commercial success with ecological and social welfare, providing a replicable model.

TVB ESG Social Innovation Technology Award: Yuen received this prestigious award, organized by HKTVB and witnessed by HKSAR officials, for his excellence in ESG integration. His sustainable solutions drive industrial transformation through green technology while empowering local communities via industrial synergy. This creates a positive cycle of "Technical Innovation, Ecological Benefit, and Social Wellbeing." His practice aligns with HKEX ESG regulations and national carbon goals, serving as a flagship for ESG development in the GBA.

Judges' Remarks

Desert governance delivers great environmental and social value. As a senior entrepreneur, Mr. Yuan started with charity and adheres to business-for-good principles. He actively explores commercial operation models while promoting public welfare, which is highly respectable.

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Our members span a diverse range of sectors, including food and beverage, professional services, cosmetics, technology, education, and fast-moving consumer goods. Collectively, our membership now accounts for over 50 per cent of New Zealand's export value to China.

Headquartered in Shanghai – China's economic centre – NZBRiC remains closely connected to its members, delivering dedicated support through our four core pillars: advocacy, information and insights, networking, and representation. These pillars guide our work as we champion the interests of New Zealand businesses in China, ensure they are informed and heard, and foster meaningful connections that help drive long-term success in the world's second-largest economy.

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The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai is the leading organization supporting Canadian business and community interest in Shanghai. It is the core of the Canadian business community and the Canadian community at large in China.

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With extensive experience in ESG reporting, Spotlight has covered major initiatives including the European Chamber Sustainable Business Awards, Mois Franco-Chinois del'Environnement, Hong Kong Green Week, and sustainability-focused programs at the China International Import Expo. Through bilingual content, multimedia storytelling, and international partnerships, Green Spotlight connects global sustainability trends with local perspectives.

Leveraging a strong cross-cultural communication network, Green Spotlight helps brands, organizations, and institutions share impactful ESG stories, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and build meaningful dialogue around a more sustainable future.

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