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## **ITE COLLEGE EAST TEAM HELPS MT KINABALU TREKKERS MONITOR CLIMATIC CHANGES USING MINI WEATHER STATION FROM SENOKO POWER**

**Singapore, 31 March 2006** – Trekkers and guides scaling the Mount Kinabalu are now able to accurately monitor the weather conditions before deciding whether to further their climb to the summit. This is made possible under an overseas community project between the ITE College East and Senoko Power, Singapore's largest power generation company.

A team comprising 12 students and four staff from ITE College East, started the over-4,000 metres climb of the Mount Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia on 19 March and successfully reached "Low's Peak", the highest peak of Mount Kinabalu. The expedition and the overseas community service project were undertaken in conjunction with the celebration of the official opening of ITE College East.

Carrying with them a mini weather station sponsored by Senoko Power throughout the climb, the team used it to test and record climate readings. The students also conducted a training session for the Park Rangers and Guides on the operation of the equipment. The mini weather station was eventually donated to the Sabah Parks – the authority managing Kinabalu Parks.

The mini weather station, capable of measuring temperature, humidity, rainfall, pressure, wind speed, wind direction and solar intensity; and forecasting and graphing local climate changes will be placed at Burlington Huts, at 3100m, the mid-place resting point for trekkers and guides. This will allow Sabah Parks personnel to accurately measure the weather conditions and provide such important information for visitors before they decide whether to scale the summit.

"ITE College East is happy that our students are given the opportunity to undertake this overseas community project with Senoko Power to render help by providing important weather information to the mountain trekkers and guides. The students and staff have truly exhibited the **ITE Care** spirit, namely Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence and Care in overcoming the challenges in their quest to reach the peak," said Mr Tan Seng Hua, Principal of ITE College East.

Mr Roy Adair, President and CEO of Senoko Power, said, "Mount Kinabalu has a rich and diverse assembly of flora and fauna that is worth our protection and attention. We are glad to partner with ITE on this meaningful cause and we would like to congratulate the team for the wonderful display of great determination and strong team spirit in reaching the peak."

"This collaboration not only helps the students to develop a global outlook on environmental protection, but also serve as an opportunity for Singapore and its neighbours to foster stronger bilateral ties."

*\* One-on-one interviews can be arranged with the team upon request.*



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### **About ITE College East**

ITE College East is ITE's first comprehensive campus. The four schools in the college, School of Applied & Health Science, School of Business, School of Engineering and School of Info-Comm Technology offer 12 National ITE Certificate (*Nitec*) and 9 Higher National ITE Certificate (Higher *Nitec*) programmes. Its niche programmes include Nursing, Bio-Chemical Technology, Logistics Management, Sport Management, Wireless Technology and Beauty Therapy.

Besides providing a holistic learning and development experience for its students to maximise their talents and potentials, the college is also committed to enhancing the technological capability of its staff and students.

One key strategy is to collaborate with leading industry players to set up Centres of Technology (COT) on campus. Five such centres were opened within its first year of operations. These centres make possible technology transfer from industries, offer joint-certification programmes and provide students and staff opportunities for attachment with the industry and undertake industry projects.

### **About Senoko Power Limited**

Senoko Power is the largest power generation company in Singapore, providing over 30% of the nation's electricity needs.

Senoko Power is the first power generation company in Singapore to import clean natural gas for power generation in 1992, to launch the first combined cycle plant in 1996 and to be certified the ISO 9000 in 1998, OHSAS 18001 in 2003 and ISO 14001 in 2004.

Senoko Power has a combined installed capacity of 3,300 megawatt (MW), comprising 1,250 MW of thermal plants, 1,945MW of combined cycle plants (CCPs) and 105MW of fast-start gas turbines. Senoko Power owns and operates Senoko Power Station and Pasir Panjang Gas Turbine Station. Senoko Power is wholly owned by Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited.

### **About Senoko Energy Supply (SES)**

Embracing the rapid deregulation and liberalisation of the Singapore electricity market, Senoko Power Ltd established its wholly-owned retail subsidiary, Senoko Energy Supply Pte Ltd., to retail electricity directly to major customers. SES obtained a Public Supply License from the Energy Market Authority (EMA) in February 2001 and is the first energy retail company to be certified ISO 9000 in 2002 and OHSAS 18001 & ISO 14001 in 2006. SES is also the largest electricity retailer in the contestable market.

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