

People and the Community

Just as Jardine Matheson Group companies have helped shape Asia's business landscape for more than 180 years, Jardine Matheson enterprises, and employees have also contributed significantly to projects supporting communities and people in need.

MINDSET

MINDSET provides support for sufferers in recovery, and through a series of programmes increase awareness and reduce stigma of mental health. Their programmes are led by Jardine Ambassadors, young executives from the Group's businesses in Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore.

In 2018 alone, MINDSET has reached out to more than 300 Hong Kong secondary school students who participated in the Health in Mind (HIM) project to promote mental health to fellow students, their families and the public at large. Students also learned about how to reduce and manage stress better in the HIM Summer Buddies initiative.

Group companies contribute over US\$780,000 per year to MINDSET programmes. In Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore, Group companies have raised over an additional US\$1 million in 2018 through flagship fundraising events such as the CENTRAL Rat Race and Walk Up Jardine House in Hong Kong, and the MINDSET Challenge & Carnival in Singapore.

MINDSET was recognised at the 'Charity Transparency' and 'Charity Governance' awards, while the Group was named a 'Champion of Good' for its mental health programmes in Singapore.

Supporting Asia's scholars and future leaders

The Jardine Foundation awarded scholarships to 28 Jardine Scholars (13 undergraduate and 15 postgraduate students) from eight countries in Asia to study at selected Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge Universities for the academic year 2018/19. The programme has supported more than 290 scholars since its inception in 1982.

In 2018, the Foundation launched the Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) Scheme with ITB in Indonesia. Under this three-year initiative, two scholarships will be awarded to outstanding postgraduate students every year.

Localised programmes for Indonesia

Environment and community are always at the forefront of Astra's citizenship activities across Indonesia. The Kampung Berseri Astra (KBA) environmental programme continued to progress and to date, nearly 80 KBA community-building projects have been run in over 30 provinces, and over 360 Desa Sejahtera Astra (Prosperous Village) initiatives have been held in over 20 provinces.

The SATU Indonesia (Astra's Unified Spirit for Indonesia) Awards programme recognises outstanding youths involved in health, education, environment, entrepreneurship and technology. The 2018 programme attracted 84% more applications than last year. From these, over 250 SATU awards were presented to over 50 national projects and 190 regional efforts.

Astra was also an official prestige partner of the 2018 Asian Games with employees involved in the Asian Games torch relay across 10 cities – they also provided 200 vehicles during the competition period.

Making a difference in Singapore

Jardine Cycle & Carriage (JC&C) and Cycle & Carriage Singapore (C&CS) sponsored a Social Innovation Festival, organised by Leng Kee Youth Executive Committee, that encouraged youths to create tech solutions to serve the community. As the leading automotive dealer group in Singapore, C&CS was committed to raising road safety awareness by being the main sponsor of Singapore Road Safety Month 2018. Organised by the Singapore Road Safety Council, C&CS donated funding to promote road safety information and activities.

JC&C also continued to donate funds to support the National University of Singapore Institute of Policy Studies and their research in addressing the challenges of an ageing society, and issues related to diversity, social inequality, mobility, and governance.

Minimising our impact on the environment

Group companies have worked hard at minimising their impact on the environment through new programmes and partnerships.

Dairy Farm for example, partnered with waste industry experts to commission an independent public research project to find new ways to reduce and better manage single use beverage packaging waste in Hong Kong.

In Indonesia, Giant advanced the City Without Trash programme with the GAUL Citizens Celebration. As part of this, the GAUL Citizens – 10 environmental pioneers – showcased their sustainable lifestyle best practices covering recycling, and reducing waste, and their public education efforts.

In Hong Kong, the Landmark Mandarin Oriental now produces its own eco-friendly water glass bottles and has created a rooftop garden to grow fresh produce. The hotel is also collaborating with fresh water specialist Nordaq FRESH, to launch a premium bottled water (filtered and purified in-house).

Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminal also advanced its 'Green Terminal' project with the installation of 1,300 sq. m. of solar panels on the roof of its SuperTerminal 1 facility – this solar installation, which features 518 panels, generates 160 kWp of energy that is fed into the power grid.

Gammon meanwhile, became the first company in Asia to be compliant with the ISO20400 standards for sustainable procurement. Finally, KFC restaurants in Hong Kong and Macau continued their plastic reduction efforts removing plastic straws and lids – so far, they have saved about 1,000kg (or one million pieces of single-use plastic) of plastic waste.