**SCGC Moves Forward on Ocean Conservation Mission, Highlighting   
"Three Readiness for the Ocean," Striving for Sustainable Balance and Restoration,   
Handing Over Litter Trap Innovation to DMCR to Address Marine Waste on World Oceans Day**

World Oceans Day, Rayong Province – 8 June 2023: SCG Chemicals, or SCGC, Chemicals Business for Sustainability, is committed to restoring and maintaining the balance of marine ecosystems continuously. In line with this commitment, SCGC is driving **"Innovation for Better Marine,"** including its floating litter trap and SCGC Fish Home innovations, which align with its ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) business approach. Furthermore, it calls upon all sectors to contribute to conserving Thai oceans through its **"Three Readiness for the Ocean: Ready to Unite - Ready to Collect - Ready to Grow"** campaign. The aim is to enhance the beauty and integrity of the oceans and beaches and sustainably pass on a better quality of life to everyone. On World Oceans Day, SCGC rallied its staff volunteers to participate in marine conservation activities and donated 25 "**litter traps**" to the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources. These will be installed at river mouths and canals to mitigate the garbage flow into the sea. The Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Varawut Silpa-archa, received the donation at the World Oceans Day 2023 event, themed "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing," held at Mae Ram Phueng Beach in Rayong Province.

**Tanawong Areeratchakul, Chief Executive Officer and President of SCG Chemicals Public Company Limited or SCGC** said, "The issue of marine litter significantly affects not only marine life but also the livelihoods of coastal communities, including the tourism industry, which is a main source of national income. SCGC acknowledges the critical need to restore and preserve the balance of marine ecosystems for a sustainable environment. To address this, we've initiated a mission to safeguard the oceans in partnership with various stakeholders, including the public sector, businesses, local communities, youth, and our volunteer employees. We strive to elevate marine litter management through innovation by harnessing our expertise to create **'Innovation for Better Marine,'** covering the entire process, connecting land waste management and separation, addressing litter escaping into rivers, increasing aquatic animal populations, and promoting biodiversity."

SCGC is moving forward with its mission to conserve the oceans by advocating **the Three Readiness for the Ocean: Ready to Unite** byencouraging waste separation and responsible disposal through the "Waste-free Community Project"; **Ready to Collect** by retrieving waste that has drifted onto beaches and into rivers and canals using floating litter trap innovations; and **Ready to Grow** by expanding mangrove forest areas, increasing aquatic animals, and promoting biodiversity through the SCGC Fish Home innovation.

**Jatuporn Buruspat, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment**, said, "World Oceans Day, celebrated on 8 June, has gained recognition from many countries because of its profound significance. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment aims to protect and conserve marine and coastal resources. We organize activities to raise awareness among the youth, the general public, and all sectors to collectively care for and conserve our natural resources. This, together with SCGC's solutions, will help address the issue of marine litter and sustainably restore the environment."

World Oceans Day 2023 was organized annually by the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources at Lan Hin Khao, Mae Ramphueng Beach, Rayong Province. SCGC declared its readiness to be an ocean guardian, focusing on restoring balance to the marine ecosystem, boosting biodiversity, and addressing the issue of waste entering the ocean. The event also featured an exhibition of innovations for marine conservation, with Rayong Governor Traipop Wongtrairat and a network of over 1,000 marine conservationists from the public sector, civil society, communities, youths, and volunteer employees, participated in activities such as releasing sea turtles and other marine species, beach clean-up, and undertaking underwater waste collection activities to conserve and restore the beauty of Thai seas.

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**About SCGC and the Mission to Protect the Oceans: Three Readiness for the Ocean**

**"Ready to Unite in Proper Waste Management"** - Given that 80% of marine waste originates from land, it is crucial that we collaborate on waste separation right from the source: our homes, schools, and workplaces to minimize the amount of waste that potentially enters water sources. The approach is driven by #ResourceMaximization, #CorrectSorting, and #ProperDisposal. SCGC disseminates these principles through the "Waste-free Community Project" to educate communities about resource efficiency, transforming waste into wealth, and recycling in alignment with circular economy principles. All these steps aim to achieve balance and restore our marine ecosystems' completeness.

"**Ready to Collect - Collecting escaped waste on beaches and rivers**" - In collaboration with the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, we have developed the litter trap innovation designed to capture escaped waste at the mouths of rivers and canals before it flows into the oceans. Volunteers are invited to help collect waste from these litter traps and clean up beaches. This effort contributes to a cleaner and more beautiful environment while minimizing marine life's impact.

**"Ready to Grow - Expanding mangrove areas, boosting aquatic life, and promoting biodiversity"** - Planting mangroves, nature's top-tier nursery for aquatic animals, contributes to carbon dioxide absorption, reduces the impact of the climate emergency, and serves as a frontline barrier preventing waste from flowing into the oceans. It also protects agricultural communities from saltwater intrusion. These actions profoundly impact local communities, fostering sustainable agriculture and eco-tourism. Alongside this, we work to restore the marine ecosystem to its complete integrity with SCGC Fish Home. Made from leftover PE 100 pipe from the plant's molding testing procedures, these fish homes serve as sanctuaries for juvenile marine animals and other marine life, promoting sustainable coastal fishing professions.