Synopsis
Join CDL's Chief Sustainability Officer, Esther An and StarHub's Chief Corporate & Sustainability Officer, Veronica Lai for an evening of meaningful and interactive discussions as we explore the forefront of sustainability initiatives by corporations. Learn about the vision of the Singapore Sustainability Academy and how this academy aims to enhance sustainable best practices, foster capacity building, and promote community and youth development. Take part in a fireside chat on the pivotal role businesses play in driving a sustainable future, especially in the global race to achieve zero emissions.

Esther has been instrumental in establishing CDL’s leadership in sustainability for nearly 3 decades. CDL is ranked top real estate company on the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World since 2020. It became the first real estate conglomerate in Southeast Asia to sign the World Green Building Council's Net Zero Carbon Buildings commitment in 2021.

Conferred the 2018 SDG Pioneer for Green Infrastructure and A Low Carbon Economy by the UN Global Compact and named by Reuters as one of 25 trailblazing women leaders in climate 2023, Esther’s pioneering ESG initiatives include publishing the first sustainability report in Singapore in 2008 and issuing the first green bond by a Singaporean company in 2017. She sits on board the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Supervisory Board, GRESB Foundation Board and UN PRI Real Estate Advisory Committee; and chairs the World Green Building Council Corporate Advisory Board and the Asia Pacific Real Estate Association’s ESG Committee.

Veronica is responsible for StarHub's Legal, Corporate Secretariat, Regulatory and Sustainability functions. With more than two decades of experience in the info-communications industry, Veronica also previously helmed the Corporate Communications and Investor Relations functions, during her tenure at StarHub. Prior to joining StarHub, she practised law at Rajah and Tann Singapore LLP.

Under her leadership, StarHub is recognised by the Corporate Knights' Global 100 as the World's Most Sustainable Telecom Provider in 2023. Veronica serves as the Honorary Treasurer of the Global Compact Network Singapore’s Management Committee, the Singapore chapter of the UN Global Compact. She was conferred the Chief Legal Officer 2020 Award by the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association, and is listed in Legal500's GC Powerlist since 2017. In 2023, she was listed on the inaugural list of the Legal500 Green GC Powerlist, which ranks the top General Counsels leading in Sustainability practice.