

# Heritance Tea Factory wins Awards

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Heritance Tea Factory encourages both staff and guests to participate in its environment friendly policies

Heritance Tea Factory won the Best Green Hotel and Energy Conservation Champion Awards at the EU-SWITCH Asia Greening Hotels Awards 2012. Greening Sri Lankan Hotels is a European Commission funded project under the Switch-Asia programme, targeted at enhancing the environmental performance of Sri Lankan hotels. The Chief Guest at the event was Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Minister of Environment, while the Guest of Honour was Bernard Savage, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives and the keynote address was delivered by Biren Bhuta, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility – TATA Steel, India.

“We have over the years strived hard to improve our conservational practices while offering our guests luxury comforts. Guests and staff are actively encouraged to participate in energy, water and waste reduction”, said Roshalal Perera, Executive General Manager – Heritance Tea Factory. The Hotel has stringent policies on monitoring and recording energy usage with internal audits as per the environmental management systems which has been certified for ISO 14001 and Earth Check Silver certification. Heritance Tea Factory also pioneered introduction of bio mass energy for the hospitality industry in Sri Lanka with a bio mass

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gasification plant introduced in 2007. And waste water generated by the Hotel is recycled and reused, helping the Hotel reduce its use of fresh water.