

Press Release

**“Danone Southeast Asia honoured as
Top Sustainability Advocates in Asia at the ACES Awards 2024”**



*Danish Rahman, General Manager, Danone Southeast Asia and Thailand (third from left)
and Pakorn Thampimukvatana, SEA Operations Director, Danone Southeast Asia (second from left)
at the Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability (ACES) Awards 2024*

Bangkok, Thailand - Danone Specialized Nutrition Southeast Asia (Danone SEA) has been awarded the prestigious title of **Top Sustainability Advocates in Asia at the Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability (ACES) Awards 2024**. This recognition is reserved for selected companies that exemplify unparalleled leadership in embedding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives into their core strategies and operations. Danone SEA's award highlights its extraordinary commitment to sustainability, demonstrated through the proactive and passionate involvement of both employees and top management. This accolade not only underscores Danone SEA's dedication to sustainable practices but also cements its position as a trailblazer in the industry.



Danone's mission, "**Bringing Health Through Food to as Many People as Possible,**" is driven by its Dual Project approach, seamlessly integrating sustainability with business objectives. The **Danone Impact Journey (DIJ)** serves as a strategic framework for promoting healthier futures through sustainable practices and community engagement. As part of this mission, Danone SEA develops and distributes specialized nutritional products, such as Dumex, Dugro, Hi-Q, and Nutricia, which cater to the health needs of individuals at different life stages. These trusted brands are supported by the latest scientific research and decades of experience in supporting families. Additionally, Danone SEA collaborates with local communities, healthcare professionals, and governmental organizations to address urgent health issues and promote sustainable development across the region.



Danish Rahman, General Manager of Danone Southeast Asia, expressed his gratitude and commitment, saying, "This prestigious recognition is a testament to our unwavering sustainability commitment in the region, aligned with our vision of 'One Planet. One Health.' This award reinforces our dedication and the positive impact of our initiatives." He continued, "One of our key health initiatives, part of our Danone Impact Journey roadmap, is the program to combat Iron Deficiency Anemia which significantly impacts children's health across Southeast Asia by addressing this critical issue through research and practical solutions. We've developed iron-fortified milk formulas and advocate for widespread, non-invasive anemia screening to improve early detection and intervention. This initiative is in partnership with healthcare professionals and local governments."

Danish also highlighted the company's environmental efforts, stating, "We are making significant strides with various initiatives in factory sustainability and supply chain practices to achieve our CO2 reduction targets, aligned with the 1.5°C Science-Based Targets initiative



(SBTi), by 2030. Additionally, we aim for 100% recyclable or reusable packaging by 2030, having already reached a 93% recyclability rate. These efforts help lower our carbon footprint, demonstrating leadership in environmental responsibility."

He concluded with a message of inspiration, "This award fuels our determination to continue advancing our Danone Impact Journey, where we strive to balance economic success with social and environmental responsibility. We remain dedicated to creating a healthier planet and healthier communities, staying true to our mission and values. This accolade inspires us to push forward, ensuring that our efforts contribute to a sustainable future for all."

With this recognition at ACES this year, Danone SEA is dedicated to paving the way for a brighter tomorrow through responsible business practices and community engagement. The ACES Council commented, "Danone Specialized Nutrition Southeast Asia's innovative approach to nutrition and community engagement showcases how business can be a force for good." The ACES Awards recognise organisations that exhibit a strong commitment to incorporating sustainable practices into their operations, highlighting the engagement of both employees and top management in enhancing stakeholder well-being.

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About Danone

Danone is a leading global food and beverage company operating in three health-focused categories: Essential Dairy & Plant-Based products, Waters, and Specialized Nutrition. Our One Planet One Health vision drives us to inspire healthier and more sustainable eating and drinking practices. We believe our health is linked to a healthy planet and thriving communities. Our brands and supply chains are uniquely positioned to impact the health of consumers, communities, and the planet. The Danone Impact Journey, built on Health, Nature, and People & Communities, defines our sustainability priorities and transformation ambition across our value chain – from farmers and their communities, through our brands, to consumers and their families. By 2025, Danone aims to be one of the first multinational companies to obtain global B Corp™ certification, reflecting our commitment to measurable nutritional, social, societal, and environmental impact.

Danone in Thailand

Danone Specialized Nutrition Thailand has been a part of the Thai community for over 65 years, providing essential nutrients to Thai people for generations. Our brands, including Hi-Q and Dumex, have been trusted by Thai families for generations. Hi-Q is our iconic global brand, while Dumex has deep roots in Thailand, both backed by the latest scientific innovations in the field of specialized nutrition. Our commitment to Thailand includes significant investments in local talent and infrastructure, such as our Bangplee factory in Samut Prakarn province, which serves as a regional hub for Southeast Asia. Danone Thailand has been B Corp certified since 2021, reflecting our commitment to achieving measurable nutritional, social, societal, and environmental impact.

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