US embassy honours four companies for charity work

THE US embassy here yesterday honoured four Singaporean organisations for their employees’ philanthropic contributions. The four — Asian Tigers KC Dat, Pan Pacific, Allied Pickfords and Singapore Management University (SMU) — received Corporate Citizenship Awards for taking part in the American Chamber of Commerce’s Corporate Community Day on Sept 17.

Asian Tigers KC Dat donated used computers to Marymount Centre and threw a party for the children there, while Allied Pickfords organised a clean-up of litter at Bukit Timah Hill Nature Reserve to aid the Downs Syndrome Association.

SMU treated 40 kids from the Ang Mo Kio Family Service Centre to a fun morning at Snow City and IMAX theatre. Pan Pacific held a cookie-making session for children from the Assisi Home, which houses children with terminal cancer. Michael Schmitt, director of revenue management for Pan Pacific, called the award a “great honour”.

Fifteen US organisations here were also honoured by the US Department of Commerce with the first ever Corporate Stewardship Award, which recognises American companies engaged in social work. The awards were handed out by the embassy to companies such as Agilent Technologies, Motorola, Morgan Stanley and Kraft.

US Ambassador to Singapore Frank Lavin said the awards given to Singaporean companies made sure that their deeds during Corporate Community Day were not overlooked.