



This April, the Environmental Management Association of Singapore (EMAS) has updated for all members. First update is about March's meeting between NEA and EMAS committee members. The objective of the meeting was to establish an understanding with NEA about the developments in enhancing the professionalism and productivity of the sector. There will be several schemes and initiatives driven in the coming few months, and EMAS will be updating on this formally for all members. Stay tuned for the exciting news!

The next series of updates are about a series of events organised by Singapore Business Federation, and which EMAS members enjoyed complimentary or members' price seats for participation.

### **1. 31 March Carbon Disclosure Forum 2011 – The Business Case for Disclosure**

The recent Carbon Disclosure Forum held on 31 March was organised by Singapore Business Federation (SBF), Singapore Compact for CSR and Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia (ASRIA). Supported by the British High Commission and the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the forum brought together senior executives, business managers and investors from Singapore and around the region to focus on the business case for responding to climate change. The forum was targeted at government organisations, non-government organisations, academia, businesses that are interested in developing or have already developed carbon strategies and businesses in energy and environmental as well as sustainable development sector.

### **2. 23 March Seminar on Carbon Dimensions**

Presented by the Energy Studies Institute at the National University of Singapore and the High Commission of Canada, and supported by SBF, this seminar allowed participants to explore some of the intricacies of carbon measurement and policy, capture and trading. Participants learnt how to balance sustainability and prosperity. It will be some decades yet before greener forms of energy dominate the global energy mix. In the meantime participants learnt there is a lot that can be done to better understand the carbon equation, how carbon can be captured and how to reconcile with industrial activities which are indispensable to modern living but are heavy emitters of carbon.

### **3. British High Commission Distinguished Visitor's Lecture on "Green Growth and the Global Economy"**

Presented by British High Commission and supported by SBF, this seminar featured John Ashton, UK Foreign Secretary William Hague's Special Representative for Climate Change. At the event, he discussed the shift to low carbon growth in East Asia, and how Britain's diplomatic network across Asia can project a stronger low carbon impulse back into the UK and Europe. He also provided potential investors a view of UK policy debates on Green Growth, Trade and Investment and the Green Investment Bank.

The final update is about the meeting between MOM and the EMAS EXCO to firm up the content details for the upcoming talk that will be held on the 28 April in the morning. This event will be open to the whole industry and we would urge all EMAS members to attend. The venue will be in Toh Payoh Hub and this event will be graced by a distinguished guest of honour. The aim of this dialogue is to outline the direction of the industry with regards to the workforce. We are all aware of the pressing needs and demands in terms of recruitment, retention and the challenges we face in attracting talent so as to upgrade and professionalise, and the industry would benefit from a concerted directive on this front. MOM will also be sharing on compliance issues as well as best practices. It is

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hoped that we approach the industry together and find ways to both professionalise and improve the wages and productivity levels of our workers. We hope that this will be the start of several dialogues where we can come together as an industry to engage MOM and our labour force in a constructive manner. EMAS urges all members to attend and block out these dates on your calendar now. Given that there are limited seats for this event, EMAS also recommends that confirmations be extended early to our secretariat: Ms Agasia Fong at [AgasiaFong@epc.com.sg](mailto:AgasiaFong@epc.com.sg)

There are also other upcoming activities that EMAS would like to encourage our members to participate in.

### **1. Invitation to participate in Green IT Adoption Index Survey 2011**

In conjunction with the annual launch of our Singapore Sustainability Awards (SSA) 2011, Singapore Business Federation (SBF) Sustainable Development Business Group (SDBG) together with IBM and Frost & Sullivan are jointly initiating a Green IT Adoption Index Survey amongst Singapore companies to help understand current level of adoption, identify potential gaps and therefore measures to help address these gaps. This survey aims to further raise awareness and promote adoption in green IT practices under the overarching theme of Sustainable Development.

We would like to invite you to participate in this online survey, which will only take you 5-10 min to complete. In appreciation of your efforts and participation, respondents of each completed survey will be entitled to:

- 1). Complimentary access to SBF/SDBG Green IT Events worth \$250;
- 2). Survey reports on the Green IT Adoption Index.

Please complete the survey through the link here: <http://www.justlogin.com/newsletterimage/greenIT/greenIT/>  
Closing Date: 15 April 2011

### **2. Invitation to participate in Singapore Sustainability Awards (SSA) 2011**

Inaugurated since 2010 and launched on 6 Oct during Global Entrepolis@singapore by the CEO of National Environment Agency, the Singapore Sustainability Awards, presented by Singapore Business Federation and supported by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, SPRING Singapore and Singapore Environment Council as the strategic partners, recognise and showcase the most innovative and impactful sustainable business practices and green solutions amongst Corporate Singapore. The awards aim to promote sustainability excellence and sharing of best practices amongst our Singapore organisations across businesses and companies, government agencies and academic institutions so that more organisations will be inspired to adopt similar practices or develop their own.

There are two sets of awards under the Singapore Sustainability Awards (SSA):

#### **Sustainable Business Awards (SBA)**

Presented by Singapore Business Federation with KPMG as the knowledge partner, the Sustainable Business Awards (SBA) are conceived to give recognition to Singapore companies for their innovative and impactful sustainable business practices and green solutions, that can inspire other organisations to adopt similar practices or develop their own.

Download SBA registration from here: <http://download.sbf.org.sg/SSA/SBA.pdf>

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## Green IT (GIT) Awards

The Singapore Green IT Awards, presented by Singapore Business Federation with IBM as the strategic partner and Frost & Sullivan as the knowledge partner, aim to provide recognition to holistic green IT solutions, which meet the needs of the business, ecology and society. It is targeted at Singapore based enterprises with outstanding sustainable IT practices. The objective is also to create a Green IT Adoption Index (GIAI) by which Singapore businesses can be evaluated in terms of their Green IT adoption.

Past winners of the awards include City Developments Ltd, Senoko Energy Pte Ltd, Samwoh Corporation, Tetrapak Jurong Pte Ltd, Land Transport Authority (LTA), Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) and Trusted Hub.

Download GIT registration from here: <http://download.sbf.org.sg/SSA/Green-IT.pdf>

For more information, please visit the awards website at <http://sustainabilityawards.sg>

Closing Date: 15 Apr 2011.

The month of April certainly looks set to be a busy one for all of us in the industry, and EMAS would like to encourage all members to continue your drive towards greater industry engagement, and developing your individual companies to hop onto the bandwagon towards greener practices to bring about a new era of sustainability for the environmental health industry.

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