

## **EMAS Bulletin February 2013**

Time flies and the Lunar New Year is upon us once again. This month, EMAS wishes all members a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year. We hope to see you at our upcoming events that we will highlight later in this bulletin, especially our annual "Lo Hei" event!

For now, we have interesting updates from events that have taken place in the past month.

## **Visitors from Hong Kong**

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of January earlier this year, EMAS was delighted to play host to 10 people from the Hong Kong Pest Management Association and the Environmental Contractors Management Association. A total of 11 companies from EMAS joined in the tour. These included:

Origin Exterminators Pte Ltd,
Ramky Cleantech Service Pte Ltd,
Qool Enviro Pte Ltd,
Sun City Maintenance Pte Ltd,
LS 2 Services Pte Ltd,
JirehTissue Pte Ltd,
Horsburgh Engineering (F.E.) Pte Ltd,
Karcher South East Asia Pte Ltd,
Clean Solutions Pte Ltd,
U-Training Centre Pte Ltd,
Cleaning Express Pte Ltd

The main activities over the 2 day period included:

Day 1: Presentation by NEA & WDA

Visits to CBLD (Center For Competency Based Learning & Development

Visits to ITE (East) – pest control & management lab

Day 2: Visit to incineration plant

The visit was not all work either, as both sides took turns hosting social events. Our foreign guests got a chance to try out famous Singaporean dishes at Jumbo Seafood at Dempsey, and they graciously hosted EMAS members at Thai Restaurant Kallang as well. In the course of the various exchanges, new relationships were established and much camaraderie was shared, with several gallant gentlemen (among our EMAS members) serving as official prawn peelers, to save the ladies from ruining their delicate manicures!





At this point, we would also like to share a status update on upcoming events.

## 1. EMAS Annual Lo Hei

To date, we have 36 companies who have confirmed their attendance for this event. We also have 5 guests from various organizations including National Environment Agency (NEA), Workforce Development Agency (WDA), Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and Restroom Association of Singapore (RAS). We are encouraged by the enthusiastic participation from our members, and for those who have yet to confirm your attendance, please

contact EMAS Secretariat soonest! (<u>marieloh@emas.org.sg</u>). This year's menu boasts a delightful menu of traditional delicacies, and it would be an excellent opportunity to catch up with fellow members over a good lunch.

## 2. EMAS Bowling Competition

After the success of last year's bowling event, EMAS is once again organizing a full day event for employees of EMAS member companies. It is an excellent opportunity for employees in our industry to get together and socialize, with a dose of healthy exercise and friendly competition thrown in the mix to spice things up. It has also proved to be an excellent team building activity. The stakes are also higher this year as we will have a trophy that that the champion team will get to keep for a year and defend in the coming year!

To date, we have 9 teams who have signed up and we have spaces left for 11 more teams and 20 more individual players. For companies interested to sign up your employees for a fun day out, please see the attached event flyer.

With this, we wrap up this month's short and sweet bulletin with best wishes for all our EMAS members in the coming year. We hope that you will continue to lend your voices and support to our initiatives for the industry, and we are confident that 2013 will bring more strides forward for our industry.

