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This year's EMAS' Technology Connect / Knowledge Sharing Webinar was held on 25 March 2022.

In our 2 themes "Digital Innovation & Ideas" and "Hygiene & Cleaning Solutions", our panel of speakers – Clean Heights Robotics, Unabiz, Matex Holdings and 3M – shared breakthrough ideas on technological innovations; as well as patented chemicals and solutions relevant to the cleaning industry.

Our strategic agencies e2i and Workforce Singapore (WSG) shared how your company and employees can

benefit from government grants and support schemes available. Thanks for all the enthusiastic responses from EMAS members for the webinar. Let's continue to tap on each other's experiences in our journey towards transformation!

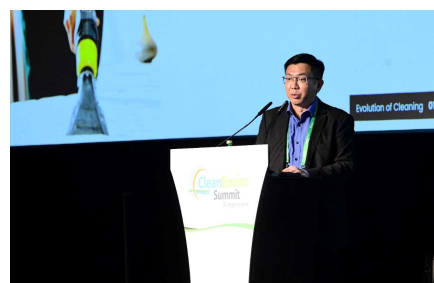


The fifth edition of the biennial CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESG) took place from 17 to 21 April 2022, at Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands.

Organised by the National Environment Agency (NEA), the event is built on the theme, 'Towards Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Cities', with focus on five areas: Waste as Resource, Enhanced Hygiene Standards, Effective Pest Management, Sustainable Energy and Pollution Control.

The Clean Environment Convention (CEC) – as part of CESG – brings together industry professionals and technical experts to network, keep abreast with and exchange ideas on the latest solutions and best practices for environmental needs and challenges.

EMAS' President, Tony Chooi, shared industry insights on the evolution of cleaning, and EMAS' path into accelerating ahead; from best sourcing of labour to leading the industry into an Outcome-based contracting model. EMAS also provided thought leadership on what the future of the cleaning industry needs in order to remain resilient and ready to tackle the next health crisis; to push forward in the new norm.

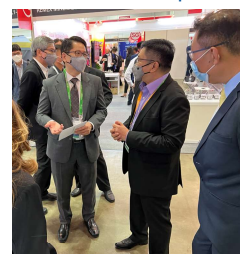
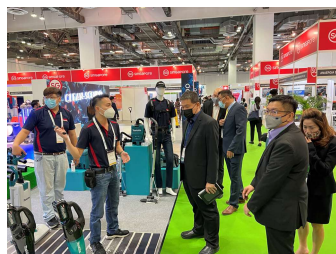




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EMAS's Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2021 via Zoom platform saw a unanimous vote to increase our Executive Council (EXCO) members from the existing nine to eleven; with the option for EXCO to appoint/terminate two additional co-opted Council members. The proposed changes were lodged with the Registrar of Society (ROS).

We are happy to formally welcome two new EXCO members - Mr Daniel Thong of Nimbus Facility Services and Mr Rio Goh of Ministry of Clean.

Mr Thong is currently the CEO of the Nimbus Group of companies; and holds a Masters degree from Oxford.

A nominated leader of the GenerationT 2021 list recognising 300 leaders of tomorrow shaping Asia's future, Daniel was inspired to start Nimbus as he was raised by cleaners and blue-collar workers when he was in primary school and is passionate about uplifting wage outcomes for cleaners in a sustainable manner.

Rio has been in the cleaning industry since he was 18 years old. He is currently the Group CEO of Ministry Holdings which encompasses environmental services and cleaning technologies.

Mr Goh had led Ministry Holdings to obtain the prestigious Tripartite Alliance Award 2021 Pinnacle Award alongside OCBC Bank - in recognition to the company's excellent HR practices and policies. Rio was also conferred Leading CEO in 2018 by SHRI as the youngest Leading CEO award recipient ever.

Dialogues



EMAS is represented in Tripartite Cluster for Cleaners chaired by National Trades Union Congress (NTUC). In March, matters discussed included mandatory training requirements for cleaners, updates to NEA's Cleaning Business Licensing requirements, developments on the adoption of Outcome-based contracts, and recommendations shared by Tripartite Workgroup on Lower-Wage Workers on its Progressive Wage Model (PWM).

Public Hygiene Council (PHC), held a dialogue session in partnership with the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID). EMAS members were cordially invited to this informative session to learn about precautions that operators can take when moving towards the COVID-19 endemic phase.



NCID experts shared tips on how we can better protect ourselves and our cleaners from the Coronavirus during the course of work; and recommended precautionary measures and solutions that we can adopt as our nation transitions from Covid-19 pandemic.

