



# Environmental Management Association of Singapore (EMAS)

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Sept-Oct 2023

## Events and Activities



The **37<sup>th</sup> EMAS Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held on 27 October 2023, Friday from 2pm to 5pm at Temasek Polytechnic. The in-person meeting was attended by 60 member companies, together with Observers, EMAS 2nd Advisor, National Environment Agency (NEA) and Enterprise Singapore (ESG).

Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) shared details of the S\$100 million NTUC Company Training Committee (CTC) Grant, effective from August 2022 till July 2026. This CTC grant is introduced to scale up enterprise and workforce transformation in CTC companies; to benefit both business owners and workers.

EMAS provided an update on our Local Enterprise and Association Development (LEAD) Program, together with a vote for constitution changes. This was proposed and recommended with a view of having more engagement with industry players and related government agencies for the betterment of the industry. The changes will be lodged with the Registrar of Society (ROS) and will be in effect once these amendments are approved.

This was an **election year** for appointment of EMAS Executive Council (EXCO) and Observers, with a re-appointment of EMAS Auditor.

For more details:

<https://emas.org.sg/executive-council/>

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EMAS organised our inaugural **Members Day 2023** on 13 September 2023, at the Warren Golf and Country Club.

The morning kicked off with a golf challenge with 17 flights, where senior management members of cleaning companies had a great time on the greens with friendly competition!

In the afternoon, cleaning staff brought laughter and cheers as strikes and spares lit up the 10 bowling lanes, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and fun.



Strong support was garnered from our members, with 2 Eagle sponsors – LS2 Services and Transquest Supplies, and a luxury watch as a Hole-in-One prize sponsored by IWC Schaffhausen. There were also 6 Hole Sponsors and 3 Skills Challenge Sponsors.



The dinner event brought together more than 200 familiar faces from the industry. EMAS' Guest-of-Honour, Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) graced this meaningful event; with VIP guest, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, MSE, Mr Baey Yam Keng and Mr Zainal Sapari (Assistant Director-General, NTUC).

### Upcoming!

Dec 2023

Environmental Services (ES) Achievement Awards 2023

Feb 2024

EMAS Chinese New Year (CNY) Dinner 2024

## Industry News



Organised by ITE College East and co-organised by EMAS, this internship briefing on 31 August 2023, shared the administrative processes for the industrial attachment internship program, the task list for Mechanical Engineering students working in the company (job expectation) among others.

A total of 10 cleaning companies participated in this **Internship Partnership between ITE College East and EMAS**.

EMAS is represented in **Tripartite Cluster for Cleaners (TCC)** chaired by National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) with NTUC U Care Centre (UCC).



EMAS has received feedback from our members, in relation to longer-termed cleaning services contracts signed before the PWM announcement in June 2021.

On 7 September, EMAS shared an update regarding **“Addendum to the Tripartite Advisory on Best Sourcing Practices – Guidance on Contract Renegotiation Following Announcement of PWM Requirements”**.

For more details on the Addendum Report (Sept 2023), please see link: <https://www.ntuc.org.sg/uportal/about-us/tripartism/tripartite-guidelines>



On 15 September 2023, the **Government Technology Agency (GovTech)** joined hands with SIFMA to host the first-ever Cleaners' Appreciation and Award lunch event. This event celebrated the hard work and dedication of exceptional cleaners who showed unwavering commitment and outstanding performance.

EMAS President (2021 – 2023), Mr Tony Chooi closed the session; acknowledging outstanding contributors in the cleaning industry.



## Industry News



EMAS recently attended a Gala Dinner event on 29 September 2023, organised by the **Association of Strata Managers (ASM)**.



EMAS is represented by Assistant Treasurer (2021 – 2023), Mr Andrew Ang; and acknowledges our close working relationship between both parties.

## Dialogues, Briefings and Engagements



On 4 September 2023, the **MSE Family National Awards (COVID-19) Investiture 2023** extended a distinguished invitation to EMAS to partake in the awards ceremony, acknowledging EMAS' remarkable contributions to Singapore's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

EMAS is represented by Assistant Treasurer (2021 – 2023), Mr Andrew Ang, and accepted the award on behalf of the organisation. This recognition underscores EMAS' pivotal role in the collective endeavor to combat the pandemic - emphasising our unwavering dedication to Singapore's cleanliness and well-being.

## Dialogues, Briefings and Engagements



A dialogue session was held with our strategic agency, **National Environment Agency (NEA)** on 12 October, with the view to address the **cleaning industry's workforce crisis**; and propose alternative manpower solutions for a sustainable future.

EMAS and NEA have been working closely with **Ministry of Manpower (MOM)**; and are working together for a positive outcome in the 2nd half of 2024.

## EMAS EXCO Meeting (Salient Points)

Some member companies have **outstanding membership fees** owing to EMAS. EXCO has been advised to call and close the loop with those companies.



NEA has shared that there may potentially be a **Malaysian Delegation** visiting Singapore in the coming months, and would like EMAS to host. In anticipation of the visit, EMAS requests for (1) the profile of Malaysian companies visiting, and (2) their topics of interest (in relation to the cleaning industry).

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**The Enviro Tech Innovation Hub (ETIH@TP)** hopes to welcome Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, MSE, and EMAS strategic partners in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024.



**Certificate of Excellence (CoE) informal event** is slated at the end of the year, Mr Tony Chooi opined that the event should not be combined with EMAS Chinese New Year Dinner 2024, with Faith Wong proposing EMAS CNY 2024 at Grand Corphorn Waterfront.

### Upcoming!

14 Nov 2023	EMAS EXCO meeting
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