



## EMAS bulletin Feb

This February, EMAS would like to share with all members the intent to hold a talk by members to service buyers. It hopes to continue efforts in educating buyers of services on new practices and technology that can be adopted. For those interested, this serves as a platform to showcase technology, products or processes to buyers of services. The talk is open only to service buyers and not to fellow service providers. We encourage EMAS members, who enjoy preferential rates, to use this platform to engage and educate service buyers. Based on feedback from service buyers, a talk on pest management and another talk on cleaning will be done. Our third speaker will be e2i, who will be imparting to service buyers how to embark on best sourcing and funds available for those interested in making such a shift. The tentative date for this event is currently set for 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011, although this maybe subject to changes depending on response for speaker positions.

EMAS would also like to share with members about some of the events that have taken place over the course of the past month. The first is the EMAS talk with e2i on the Inclusive Growth Fund, which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January. This fund is targeted at increasing productivity and having this shared with workers within the company. E2i explained to the environmental industry at large more about the fund and the criterion involved, and the talk was aimed at the cleaning and pest management companies. EMAS hopes that environmental health companies will be able to make use of the funds available and promote inclusive growth in line with our governmental National Agenda. Please see attached pictures of this successful event.

The second event was a talk hosted by Tomi Environmental Services, a new member of EMAS. This talk was hosted at Sentosa on 21<sup>st</sup> January, and it showcased new technology that can be adopted by service providers in environmental health so as to add value to their services.

Another main happening in January was the meeting with NEA on 20<sup>th</sup> January in which NEA and EMAS discussed potential areas of collaboration for the environmental health industry. This was with a new department within NEA which is focused on building industry capabilities. EMAS remains optimistic that it will continue to engage related ministries in harnessing support for the environmental health industry in the following areas:

- Pest Management
  - Cleaning
  - Liquid Waste Management
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Next, EMAS would like to share the news that KPMG has been engaged by NEA to do a study to understand productivity challenges specifically in the cleaning industry. Two focus groups were arranged for the purposes of this study. One group comprised of 17 cleaning companies selected by KPMG and the other is with a group of buyers of cleaning services. EMAS is interested in the outcome of the study, and will follow up on it accordingly.

In March, there will be an upcoming dialogue session with MOM. The specific dates will be advised separately. The aim of this dialogue is to engage the industry on related MOM guidelines and help clarify areas that may be unclear with regard to compliance, quotas etc. Engaging MOM directly through EMAS is an effective step in enabling clear and positive engagement directly, and we hope to see you there at the session. All members should note that enrolment for the session will be on a first-come-first-served basis so watch out for the web blast invite this February.

Finally EMAS would like to wish all members Gong Xi Fa Cai in this Year of the Rabbit! We hope for this coming year to be a prosperous and successful one for all our members as well as for our growth as an association.

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