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Since WCS, SIWW and CESS were first organised as an integrated global platform in 2012, the events have grown in reach and influence. The fifth edition of the World Cities Summit (WCS), together with Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS), was attended by more than 21,000 visitors and participants including ministers, mayors, government officials, industry leaders and experts, academics, as well as representatives from international organisations. This year, besides established tracks on urban governance and long-term planning and development, WCS also provided a platform for discussions on the softer aspects of a sustainable and liveable city – community and culture – in particular how heritage and culture can be integrated into the urban planning and design of cities.

World Cities Summit (WCS), Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS) are taking their integration up a notch through the creation of synergies across dialogues, innovations, and talent. The three events provide a unique integrated platform for industry leaders, policymakers and experts to engage in dialogues and interactions that help shape the global sustainability agenda. They will also share best practices for sustainable urban development and explore and showcase the latest innovations in water and clean environment technologies.

These dignitaries include Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies, Singapore; His Excellency Dr Han Seung-soo, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water, Special Adviser to the High Level Panel on Water, and Former Prime Minister of Republic of Korea; Mr Charles O. Holliday, Chairman, Royal Dutch Shell plc; Mr Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Nestlé S.A.; and many more.

Mr Bernard Tan, Managing Director of Singapore International Water Week, said, "The complexity of water issues across the world requires not only the latest technologies, but also a combination of best practices and innovative business models to address the unique set of challenges faced by different countries and cities. City Solutions Singapore is a step in the right direction to bring together the cross-disciplinary technologies, innovations, and best practices to achieve urban sustainability.

Mr Larry Ng, Managing Director of World Cities Summit, said: "These high-level discussions and interactions will form the foundation for a concerted and integrated effort by global stakeholders to ensure that our cities remain sustainable and liveable. World Cities Summit 2016 is about Innovative Cities of Opportunity, and it aims to showcase cities that are models for liveability, with a focus on co-creation between public, private and people sectors to produce innovative solutions for sustainable development. The summit will also explore smart city innovations and the role of the 'software' of the city such as social resilience, community, and culture in creating tomorrow's liveable cities."

“We are seeing greater genesis of synergies and collaborative efforts between private companies, international organisations and government agencies at WCS,” said Mr Larry Ng, Managing Director of the World Cities Summit. “The combination of technology, social and governance innovation will form the foundation of the resilient, liveable and sustainable cities needed to address the challenge of rapid urbanisation in Asia and beyond.”

The third edition of the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore 2016 – a platform that connected key conversations, novel innovations and the industry’s emerging top-talent – closed with over S\$3.5 billion worth of projects and deals.

The CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS) 2016, a global platform to develop environmental solutions for rapidly growing cities, concluded recently with over S\$3.04 billion worth of projects announced and S\$470 million worth of business deals discussed. The event also facilitated knowledge exchanges aimed at driving sustainability through innovation and developing a skilled industry. Key among the projects announced is the S\$3 billion Integrated Waste Management Facility, co-located with the Tuas Water Reclamation Plant, which will transform the way solid waste and used water will be managed in land-scarce Singapore in order to meet Singapore’s future waste management needs.

“This year, the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore placed strong emphasis on conversations about driving economic growth and competitiveness by harnessing the power of smart technology and innovation. Salient concepts such as the circular economy and the importance of embedding sustainability in every step of the value chain were also widely discussed.

Mr Dalson Chung, MD, CESS said. “Continuous innovation is important to drive sustainable environmental solutions for future generations, particularly as the world faces the increasingly complex challenges of rapid urbanisation. The integration of smart and intuitive technologies across Singapore’s waste and cleaning management represents our focus to enhance the future of these industries,”.

Innovating the Future of the Environment

Themed ‘Innovative Clean Enviro-Solutions for Growing Cities’, CESS’ inaugural Innovation Pitch was aimed at accelerating commercialisation of exciting new ideas and innovations by the industry’s young talent pool.

Ten innovators were given a platform to showcase their new technologies to over 100 guests, among whom were venture capitalists. They presented their ideas under two topics – ‘Waste-as-a-Resource’ and ‘Smart Solutions for the Environment’. “Inventions such as oilabsorbing aerogels, and the repurposing of incineration ash into construction materials exemplified how innovation can drive sustainability, and help mitigate the effects of today’s environmental threats,” said Mr Chung.

Kelven Lam from Envichem Technologies, one of Singapore’s young innovators who participated at the Innovation Pitch said, “This was a fantastic opportunity for up-and-coming companies to showcase our technology and create awareness about the advancements in technologies in the environmental space. These technologies have the potential to effect real change and address challenging environmental issues and with the global increase in waste production, it is now more pressing than ever for companies and governments to adopt more efficient and effective waste management technologies.”

HEROES OF INNOVATION HONoured AT LEE KUAN YEW PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY



(From left to right) Loh Chin Hua, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Keppel Corporation; Lee Boon Yang, Chairman, Non-Executive and Independent Director, Keppel Corporation; Federico Gutierrez Zuluaga, Mayor of Medellín, Colombia (the city of Medellín is the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 Laureate); Aníbal Gaviria Correa, former mayor of Medellín, Colombia; Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore; Professor John Anthony Cherry, Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2016 Laureate; Professor Lim Pin, Chairman, Singapore Millennium Foundation; Professor Lee Sing Kong, Board Member, Singapore Millennium Foundation.

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 and the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2016 were presented respectively to the city of Medellín, Colombia, and worldrenowned hydrogeologist Professor John Anthony Cherry this evening by the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong. The 2016 Laureates were honoured in an audience of global industry leaders, mayors and city leaders, and experts at the Lee Kuan Yew Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet held at The Ritz Carlton Millenia, Singapore.

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 Laureate, Medellín, Colombia, shared at the Prize Lecture on how leveraging on co-creation and the collective inputs of its citizens have helped tackled its most pressing issues, improved the economy, as well as its citizens' employability and quality of life. The four cities accorded Special Mentions – Auckland, Sydney, Toronto and Vienna – further demonstrated how open community engagement and social integration have contributed to their successful urban transformations.

In conjunction with the occasion, a book dedicated to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew was presented to Prime Minister Lee. Titled "A Chance of a Lifetime: Lee Kuan Yew and the Physical Transformation of Singapore", it charts Singapore's urban development over the past halfcentury and includes a foreword written by Prime Minister Lee.



The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize are some of the key highlights of the World Cities Summit and Singapore International Water Week, which are colocated with CleanEnviro Summit Singapore. All three events are being held at Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore until 14 July 2016.

About Singapore International Water Week

The Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) is the global platform to share and co-create innovative water solutions. Comprising the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, Water Leaders Summit, Water Convention, Business Forums, Industrial Water Solutions Forum, Water Expo, TechXchange, Young Water Leaders Summit and HydroPreneur Programme, SIWW delivers a range of flagship programmes and platforms that bring together the global value chain of water to share the latest in business and technological innovations, as well as policy developments in water.

About World CSR Day

The World CSR Day will be guided by Leaders.... Leaders who believe in the value of CSR; that which is built in the fabric of business - making it a reality. Leaders produce Leaders program will be a common thread uniting nations and people who take CSR more responsibly. They also believe that CSR is a tool to the Development of the Future.

The Next Edition of Singapore International Water Week will be held from 8 – 12 July 2018 at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore.

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