

NEWSLETTER OF THE SINGAPORE WATER ASSOCIATION

BRINGING
A NEW VIBRANCY
TO SINGAPORE'S
GROWING
WATER INDUSTRY

[Event] SWA Young Water Professionals (YWP) mentorship programme, Workshop 1

20 Jan 2024, AECOM, Singapore

SWA launched its first professional mentorship programme for the water industry. The SWA YWP forum featured industry experts discussing the hurdles faced by startups, offering global insights, and sharing strategies for navigating Asian markets. The networking session served as a forum for participants to engage in meaningful discussions about the water industry.

This mentorship programme also fosters networking, facilitates knowledge transfer, and builds professional relationships between mentors and mentees. It plays a role in addressing the challenges posed by climate change, a growing population, and geopolitical factors within the water industry. About 130 mentors and mentees attended this event, culminating in a networking session with lunch.



[Event] Fourth meeting of SG Water Internationalisation Networking Club

22 Jan 2024, DHI Water and Environment, Vision Exchange, Singapore

The fourth meeting of SG Water Internationalisation Networking Club (INC) convened with 31 attendees and guest speakers. World Bank water practice manager for East Asia and Pacific Maria Angelica Sotomayor gave an overview and the company's vision, as well as the Global Water Agenda challenges, issues and projects in 2023 for East Asia and the Pacific.

She also briefed on the procurement framework and projects availability. Additionally, SAC Capital CEO Ong Hwee Li gave an introduction of its product and services such as financial funding, initial public offerings (IPOs) listing and market research. This was followed with a presentation by DHI Water and Environment vice-president of marine and coastal APAC Dr Mamta Jain, who gave an overview on DHI services, coastal protection and flood mitigation projects in this region with World Bank.

The meeting also included discussions on the 2024 work plan for the group, culminating in a networking session with canapés, dinner, beer and wine.



[Event] SWA Chinese New Year luncheon

2 Feb 2024, Singapore Island Country Club (SICC)

SWA management council ushered in the new spring with a Chinese New Year luncheon at SICC. President Chew Men Leong gave a welcome address and wished the council and SWA staff a prosperous dragon year.



[Event] Private sector participation in water in Asia and beyond

7 Feb 2024, World Bank, Singapore



SWA members convened for a closed-door round table session facilitated by the World Bank, Singapore. The session featured presentations by Saroj Kumar Jha, global director for water at the World Bank, and Julia Fraser, country director for Singapore, alongside distinguished colleagues from the World Bank, International Finance Corporation (IFC), and SWA.



Discussions centred on prominent water trends in Asia and globally, identifying technological, solution-oriented, and financial needs. Deliberations also highlighted the role of Singapore's water ecosystem in the region and explored avenues for private and multinational development banks to address the water sector challenges both locally and internationally. About 40 SWA members participated in the event, which concluded with a networking reception hosted by the World Bank.

[Event] 50th Singapore Water Industry Nite (SWIN)

19 Feb 2024, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore

The 50th edition of the SWIN was held on 19 Feb 2024 at Flower Field Hall, Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay. The event was sponsored by PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, in collaboration with Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) 2024 industry reception. Highlights of the programme included a welcome address and an outline of SWA plans for 2024 by SWA president Chew. Chief executive of PUB Ong Tze Chin delivered the opening remarks while Ryan Yuen, managing director of SIWW, provided an overview of SIWW 2024 activities and programmes. PUB sponsored the NEWBrew, which was served during the networking dinner, accommodating over 400 guests and members with a mega 'Lo-Hei' session, in celebration of Chinese New Year.



UPCOMING SWA ACTIVITIES

[Trade Fair] Thai Water 2024

3-5 Jul 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

SWA will be overseeing the Singapore pavilion of 72m² at Thai Water 2024, which will take place at Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre (QSNCC) from 3-5 Jul 2024. Thai Water 2024 is a premier international exhibition and conference focusing on water resource management and wastewater technology in Indochina. It features major brands worldwide showcasing technologies, smart devices, and monitoring equipment for water and wastewater management, covering areas such as sewage,



rainwater harvesting, particle separation, and removal technology. The event's theme is 'Strengthening climate resilience in ASEAN through sustainable water management'. Exhibitors may be eligible for grant support of up to 70% from Enterprise Singapore. For further details, please reach out to jasvinder@swa.org.sg.

[Mission] 'Go to Bangkok' 2024

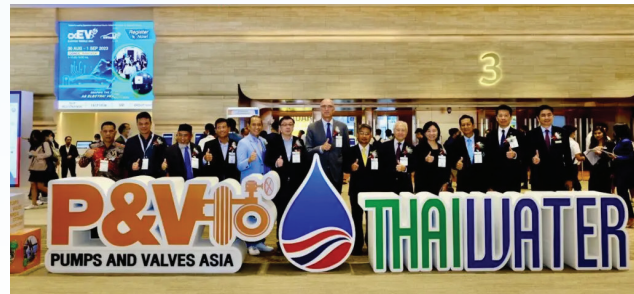
1-3 Jul 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

Technology mission highlights and why you should join:

As part of our continuous effort to enhance our members' competitiveness through exploring new markets and business opportunities, SWA, in conjunction with Thai Water 2024, will be organising a business and technology mission to Bangkok, Thailand from 1-3 Jul 2024.

Key takeaways for participants:

- Prearranged networking sessions and B2B meetings to seek new areas of cooperation and synergies
- Meet with key government agencies, institutes, municipalities and utilities for business insights



- Exclusive technical site visits around Bangkok
- Attend Thai Water 2024

There may be grant support of up to 70% for exhibitors from Enterprise Singapore. For more information, please contact jasvinder@swa.org.sg.

SWA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

(joined from December 2023-January 2024)

ORDINARY

1. Esshin Electrotech Pte Ltd
2. Hock Lim Engineering Pte Ltd

INDIVIDUAL

1. Han Din Hou
2. Dr Guo Huiling
3. Mariam Mathew

ASSOCIATE

1. Wavin Singapore Holding Pte Ltd
2. Coex Pte Ltd
3. Pan-United Concrete Pte Ltd
4. Mack Valves Pte Ltd
5. Upconverge Pte Ltd

INSTITUTIONAL

1. Singapore Membrane Consortium (SG MEM) c/o A*Star Research Entities
2. Temasek Polytechnic
3. Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) Centre for Climate Adaptation (CCA)

2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

We look forward to your support in 2024. Download the event calendar: <https://www.swa.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Calendar-of-SWA-Workplan-2024.pdf>.

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JOIN SWA?

SWA welcomes organisations from the water and wastewater industry to join as either ordinary, associate or institutional member.

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