

PUB SIGNS MOUS WITH SAUDI ARABIA'S SALINE WATER CONVERSION CORPORATION (SWCC) AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S WATER CORPORATION

Signed on the sidelines of the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) Spotlight 2017, the MOUs will boost PUB's links with global water utilities, and promote collaboration in areas including water supply and innovation.

[Singapore, 18 July 2017] – PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, has signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) to deepen Singapore's collaborations with water utilities for knowledge sharing and capability building in water supply, R&D and innovation. PUB Chief Executive Ng Joo Hee signed the MOUs with Saudi Arabia's Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Governor H.E. Eng. Ali Bin Abdul Rahman Al-Hazmi and Western Australia's Water Corporation CEO Sue Murphy at SIWW Spotlight 2017.

“Water utilities around the world grapple with many common challenges as we work to ensure a safe and adequate supply of water to our customers. Climate change, pollution, population growth and urbanisation, and rising cost of operations compel water utility leaders to work ever closer together to co-create mutually beneficial solutions,” said Ng Joo Hee, PUB Chief Executive.

“We are excited to collaborate with the SWCC and Water Corporation on various innovation and advances in water treatment and supply. These partnerships also allow us to exchange invaluable operational knowledge and experience, and further strengthen our links to the global water industry,” he added.

PUB's MOU with the SWCC aims to support relations between the Singapore and Saudi Arabia governments, and facilitate knowledge exchanges in the field of water supply, water network management and innovation. This includes areas such as desalination technology, energy reduction, water management systems (SCADA), leak detection, non-revenue water, and automated metering.

The MOU with Water Corporation will promote cooperation and collaboration in the field of urban water supply, wastewater management and innovation, particularly in areas such as climate change adaptation, water quality management, wastewater treatment technologies (in terms of energy efficiency), water reuse, asset resilience, smart water technologies and customer engagement.

Both MOUs will also promote staff exchanges to gain insights into partner utilities' issues, share experiences, and resolve common water challenges. This is in line with this year's SIWW theme on Forging Alliances Amongst Global Water Utility Leaders and underscores the importance of SIWW as the platform to build connections and networks, and exchange knowledge and best practices.

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About PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency

PUB is a statutory board under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources. It is the national water agency, and manages Singapore's water supply, water catchment and used water in an integrated way.

PUB has ensured a diversified and sustainable supply of water for Singapore with the Four National Taps (local catchment water, imported water, NEWater, desalinated water).

PUB calls on everyone to play a part in conserving water, in keeping our waterways clean, and in caring for Singapore's precious water resources. If we all do our little bit, there will be enough water for all our needs – for commerce and industry, for living, for life.

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