



# WSH Bulletin

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## Register for WSH Forum for Facilities Management 2021

Taking a new look this year, the WSH Forum for Facilities Management 2021 has transformed into a multi-dimensional platform for a diverse panel of speakers from the government and the industry to share on workplace safety and health.

This forum comes with two tracks:

### Track 1: Webinar on Safety in Refuse Handling Equipment

This track, co-organised with the Waste Management & Recycling Association of Singapore, addresses safety practices for refuse handling equipment.

Date: 25 November 2021 (Thursday)  
Time: 9:30am - 11:30am  
Venue: Zoom

### Track 2: Total WSH in a Pandemic Impacted Singapore

This track, delivered in a hybrid format, examines the importance of addressing Workplace Safety and Health holistically in the pandemic world.

Date: 25 November 2021 (Thursday)  
Time: 2pm - 5pm  
Venue: Hybrid

Track 2 is held in collaboration with the [Architecture and Building Services \(ABS\) 2021 expo](#), which will showcase new technologies, product innovations and cutting-edge solutions for the Safety, Security and Built Environment sectors.

SDU points will only be awarded for attendance to both tracks of the forum.

[Register](#) for the event by 22 November 2021 (Monday).

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## Signing of IES Vision Zero pledge

At the World Engineers Summit 2021 on 10 November 2021, the Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES) signed the Vision Zero pledge. Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Kiat witnessed the IES President, IES Deputy President and Vice-Presidents of the various industry groups signing the IES Vision Zero pledge virtually at the event.

Congratulating IES, Chairman of the WSH Council Mr John Ng was heartened that the engineering community embraced the Vision Zero mindset, adding that the initiative

signified that every engineer in IES believes that all injuries and ill health are preventable at the workplace.



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## Industry leaders gathered at construction industry dialogue committed to improve WSH outcomes

On 16 November 2021, over 300 industry professionals attended the Construction WSH Leadership Dialogue 2021 which was held at the Devan Nair Institute and broadcasted online via a webinar to emphasise the importance of WSH leadership and being resilient in challenging times.

Reminding participants not to take workplace safety and health (WSH) for granted, Deputy Chairman of the WSH Council, Mr Abu Bakar bin Mohd Nor, said in his opening address, "Leadership and ownership are key tenets to a safe workplace and healthy workforce." This is especially so as the year-end festive period is approaching, where in the past, there was a higher occurrence rate of accidents.

The Dialogue on "WSH Leadership for a COVID-Resilient Industry", moderated by Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chairman of the WSH Council (Construction & Landscape) Committee, was an open and lively discussion as attendees, both onsite and online, weighed in their thoughts through a virtual interactive module. Key insights from the discussion included:

- Leadership is vital to having strong WSH culture in the organisation. Senior management must be committed and take ownership of WSH before they can truly understand and appreciate the need for safe work procedures. Doing so will result in adequate resources invested towards safety and health.
- WSH knowledge should not only be ingrained amongst senior management, but also inculcated in the project managers. By going upstream to these levels, WSH officers and coordinators on the ground can be more effective and empowered to do their job.
- Improved WSH practices could also result in increased productivity. In view of the manpower crunch due to COVID-19, certain roles can be combined and undertaken by one person, but without compromising safety.

Mr Yam closed the Dialogue by urging the construction industry stakeholders to remain united and committed to help Singapore achieve our WSH 2028 fatality rate target of less than 1.0 per 100,000 workers.

During the [National WSH Campaign](#) rally, attendees learned more about how to set aside time to care for their safety and health and to create their company's [STF Resolution](#).

Read the [opening address](#) by Mr Abu Bakar bin Mohd Nor, Deputy Chairman of the WSH Council.

Read the [closing remarks](#) by Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chairman of the WSH Council (Construction and Landscape) Committee.

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