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The global networking platform addresses the urgent challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability

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THE biennial CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS) 2018, which highlighted global opportunities for novel innovations in the environmental services industry, concluded last week with over S\$5.5 billion (RM16.28 billion) worth of projects and deals signed.

The global networking platform, which addressed the urgent challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability, was held from July 8 to 12, 2018.

It was held in conjunction with the World Cities Summit (WCS) and Singapore International Water Week (SIWW), and attracted more than 24,000 participants from more than 110 countries.

CESS' exhibitors, on the other hand, grew 46% from the previous edition, while the environment exhibition saw a 25% growth from 2016 in terms of floor space.

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tives across the ecosystem together to leverage the latest trends and derive solutions that tackle complex challenges that truly enable the co-creation of noteworthy solutions," CESS 2018 MD Dalson Chung said.

"Singapore plays a critical role as a hub for advanced technologies, thought leadership and collaboration. These high-level plenaries and forums at CESS 2018 help further advance cleaner and more sustainable solutions fuelled by climate change, depletion of natural resources and rapid urbanisation," he added.

The summit featured thought-leadership discus-

sions, insights-driven conversations and knowledge exchanges facilitated through various forums and high-level plenaries.

The event also saw newly forged partnerships, including a two-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Pestech Holding (S) Pte Ltd, a pest control company, and Singapore Management University on behalf of its research laboratory, LiveLabs.

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies Tharman Shanmugaratnam officiated the start of the three main events at the opening ceremony held last week at the Marina Bay

Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore.

Tharman and 3,000 other dignitaries, delegates and guests were given a preview to the events' key highlights such as the new pavilions at City Solutions Singapore (CSS) Expo and the new high-level plenaries.

As the world's leading integrated platform for urban solutions, this global marketplace mobilises Singapore's thought leadership to connect global business experts, policy-makers and industry leaders in showcasing innovative ideas, delivering unique solutions and presenting new technologies across city planning, water management and environmental sustainability.

This year's WCS, SIWW and CESS' key milestones and highlights include the Water Expo @ CSS, which showcased new, emerging water and wastewater innovations and technologies, along with solutions to address global water issues; Environment Expo @ CSS, which showcased the National Environment Agency's efforts to bring in novel environmental solutions in the environmental management and clean technology sectors; and the latest research and development innovations and prototypes from across Asia, Europe and the US, among others.