

DETAILS

Towards A Barrier-Free Built Environment – 25 September 2006 (Monday)

Seminar Fee:

SIA Member	S\$ 84.00 (incl GST)
BOA/CIJC Member	S\$ 126.00 (incl GST)
Non-Member	S\$ 168.00 (incl GST)

Closing Date for Registration : 21 September 2006

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REGISTRATION

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Please forward your registration form and crossed cheque payable to "**Singapore Institute of Architects**" before the closing date to:



Ms Jasmine Chan
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Registration will be on a First-Come-First-Served basis and will be accepted upon receipt of registration form and payment to SIA. Registration by fax will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

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Building and Construction Authority
Singapore Institute of Architects
Joint Seminar on



Towards A Barrier-Free Built Environment

Monday, 25 September 2006

- 8.45am Registration
- 9.15am All participants to be seated
- 9.30am Opening Speech by Dr John Keung, Chief Executive Officer, Building and Construction Authority
- 9.35am Opening Speech by Ms Rita Soh, President, Singapore Institute of Architects
- 9.40am Address by Guest-Of-Honour - Minister Mah Bow Tan, Ministry of National Development and Launch of UD Guide for Commercial Buildings
- 10.00am Launch of Universal Design Guide
- 10.10am Tea Break
- 10.30am Equal Opportunities Does Not Discriminate
by Mr Michael Ngu, Chief Executive Officer, Architects 61 Pte Ltd
- 11.00am Stepping Out
by Ms Judy Wee, Vice-President, Handicaps Welfare Association
- 11.30am An Accessible Built Environment for the Elderly and People with Physical Disabilities – Occupational Therapists' Perspective
by Ms Tay Hwee Lin, Head, Therapy Services at Society for the Physically Disabled
& Ms Shalini Daswani, Head, Therapy Department at AWWA TEACH ME Services
- 12.00pm Updates on Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility
By Ms Goh Siam Imm, Senior Manager – Building Plan Department, Building and Construction Authority
- 12.30pm Questions & Answers
- 1.00pm End of Seminar

VENUE

Marina Mandarin Singapore
Taurus/Leo, Level 1
6 Raffles Boulevard
Marina Square
Singapore 039594

ACCREDITATION

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SYNOPSIS

"Barrier-free accessibility" the current buzzwords of the day, as Singapore faces an increasing elderly population and as our city becomes more built up.

How can you as a stakeholder in the building and construction industry play a part to improve the accessibility of our built environment?

The BCA-SIA Seminar aims to provide a common understanding among all stakeholders and professionals on issues relating to barrier-free accessibility in our built environment.

- o Find out about the new requirements of BCA's Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility and the common areas of non-compliance.
- o A design professional will share his experience and views on how to incorporate barrier-free features into design of buildings.
- o Hear from the user's point of view of the constraints faced in the implementation of barrier-free accessible features.
- o A health-care professional will also highlight areas where the elderly encounter problems in a living environment and how design plays a part in overcoming these problems.

As the first Universal Guide (first in a series) on Commercial Buildings will also be launched at the seminar, participants will receive, first-hand, a complimentary copy of the guide

SPEAKERS

Mr Michael Ngu graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture (First-class Honours) from the University of Melbourne in 1980. He was the recipient of the Nell Norris Award. Offered the opportunity to pursue a Masters Degree in Architecture by research, at Melbourne or Sydney University, he opted instead, to take a double Master Degree in Architecture and City Planning at The University of Pennsylvania, URA. Upon graduating, he joined the office of IM Pei, in New York. He was involved in various projects of which the most significant were, The Mount Sinai Modernisation in New York City, the Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. Working at IM Pei's office he gained exposure to one of the world's most respected architects. In 1988, he worked in Kohn Pedersen and Fox (KPF) office in New York on the design of The Bond Building in Sydney. He subsequently moved to Australia and worked on the construction phase with KPF / Travis Partners JV. Michael Ngu joined Architects 61 in 1990 as an Associate and was made a Director when the practice was incorporated in 1994. He has contributed to a body of work of significance that has earned the firm design recognition. He also has specified expertise in the design, design development and architectural / technical detailing of exterior cladding. He leads the practice overseas with projects in China, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan and the Middle East. Michael Ngu is registered as an Architect in the United States of America, Australia and Singapore. He is also a Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), Singapore Institute of Architects (MSIA) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

Ms Judy Wee is currently the Vice-President of Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA). She has been actively involved in making Singapore a barrier-free city-state since the 1990's. A person with physical disabilities herself, she believes that people with disabilities should be empowered to live their lives to the fullest. With this belief, she advocates the need for accessibility to enable people with disabilities to participate in mainstream society. She is currently a member of the Review Committee for the Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings. Ms Wee does not limit her work on improving accessibility to Singapore and has also reached out to the neighbouring countries in this region. She is a Resource Person with the United Nations - Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN- ESCAP), Social Development Division, Bangkok, Thailand and has helped to train people with disabilities and officials as trainers for the promotion of non-handicapping environment. Ms Wee has a Postgraduate Diploma in Universal Design and Accessibility and is currently pursuing her Masters in the same area.

Ms Tay Hwee Lin is the Head, Therapy Services at Society for the Physically Disabled (SPD). She is the pioneer Occupational Therapy graduate of Nanyang Polytechnic (1995). She obtained her BHSc in Occupational Therapy in 1999 and is a certified Neuro-Developmental Therapist (NDTA, USA). She is a member of Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists and has an interest in accessibility issues for people with disabilities. In 2005, Ms Tay conducted workshops for the staff of National Park Board (NPB), and also presented a paper on "Advocacy and promotion of accessible physical environments for persons with physical disabilities in Singapore - Occupational Therapists' Perspective" at the NCSS Biennial Therapy Symposium Singapore 2006. She is currently a member of the Review Committee for the Code of Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings.

Ms Shalini Daswani is the Head of Therapy Department at AWWA TEACH ME Services. She has been in the field of Occupational Therapy for more than 10 years. Graduating as the top student of Calcutta University, India, she obtained her BA (Occupational Therapy). Her working experience in a special school motivated her to pursue an MSc.(Occupational Therapy) from the All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, specializing in the area of Pediatric Neurology. She is a member of the Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists, Life Member of All India Occupational Therapists Association and a certified Neuro-Developmental Therapist (NDT Association, USA). Ms Daswani has worked extensively with children and adolescents with special needs in special and mainstream schools, private clinics, hospitals and home based intervention. Her areas of interest include Neuro-Motor development, handwriting skills and Assistive Technology. She is also a resource person on the Committee for the Educational Assistive Device Project (MOE, Singapore) and the NCSS AT Fund. She is currently a member of the Review Committee for the Code of Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings.

Ms Goh Siam Imm is the Senior Manager of Building Plan Department, BCA which administers the Building Control Act and mandate the Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings. She is also currently the Chairperson of the Code Review Committee. Prior to her BCA stint, she practised as an architect for more than 10 years and is highly passionate about Universal Design. Being actively involved in voluntary work, she possesses a deep understanding of the need of people with disabilities. Ms Goh has a BA in Architecture, MSc. in Fire Safety Engineering and Diploma of Community Services Disability Work.