



Tan Cheng Siong: Form Follow Future . Making Ends Meet



With more than 45 years in Architectural practice and a multiple Award winner, a graduate from the National University of Singapore with Masters in Urban Planning, Mr. Tan Cheng Siong has contributed to more than 200 projects in various countries in South East Asia, notably Pearlbank, Pandan Valley and East Pacific Garden. Acted as Team Leader of the SIA team for the planning of Jurong East and Pasir Ris 21 Development Guide Plan. An advisory member of the Shenzhen Planning Committee and he often lectures at seminars for governments, universities and professional institutions.

Mr. Tan has written papers and articles on Singapore Property Development - New Roles for the New Decade; The Redevelopment of Singapore High-rise Architecture; The Architectural Challenges of Singapore's Urban Environment; Cities, Housing and Design (China).

Date: 30 July 2009,
Thursday
Venue: Singapore Institute
of Architects
SIA Theatre
79B Neil Road
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Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Seminar Fees:

SIA Members 60 yrs and
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SIA Members: \$50/-

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Programme:

6.30pm: Registration & Light
Refreshments

7.00pm: Welcome remarks by
SIA Representative

7.05pm: Presentation by Tan
Cheng Siong

8.30pm: Question & Answer

9.00pm: End

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Synopsis:

Singapore has a great relationship with Architecture and Architects. It is a great success story in which Architecture and Architects played pivotal roles.

Nationalism

After self-government the search commenced for a 'Form' which nearly went Form follow Nation. Independence also meant economic survival on our own. The search for a place in the Sun led to, Industrialization, Urban Renewal and Low Costs Housing strategies.

Pragmatism

So we adopted Form follow Function and Architects rose to the challenge to develop public housing and comprehensive residential estates. The leaders of Singapore had cleverly use Architecture to grow.

Wealth and Prosperity

Then Singapore embraced World Trade and Globalization to create wealth and prosperity and persuaded us to see that Form should and can follow Finance. We then built new towns, sky scrapers, speculative real estates and a sky-high financial centre. Singapore now has 1,000,000 millionaire households. Fixed assets and savings in the Heartland are valued in the trillions of Singapore dollars. As a country we have a 2008 GDP of US\$38,972/per capita and live in a city of great economic and commercial potential.

Sustainability

The next challenge after the financial crisis throws up new opportunities. Singapore cannot just rely only on a vibrant CBD to support and feed the New towns. The New towns have to be equally creative, vibrant and more sustainable. The future growth model will be different. The need to replace the late 19th and early 20th century "ideal of separation" that reflected the then social and health hazards of the industrial towns of Britain, is long overdue!

We can promote a stronger Singapore with an architecture based on Form follow Future in which all the creative and productive forces are combined.

A new world of Architecture was born by the changes brought about by the Bauhaus. An old Europe was transformed by the Architecture of Renaissance. It is conceivable that Asia be transformed by a New Architecture. China will surely change through urbanization. Singapore Architects can be inspired by Form follow Future, now that we have learnt so much Form follow Function and Form follow Finance.

Making Ends Meet

'Making Ends Meet' is the Global System; the economic system, the Singapore system, the Market system. To succeed, we have to practice 'Making Ends Meet'.

The 4 dragons - Japan, Korea, Hong Kong & Singapore succeeded by 'Making Ends Meet'. China succeeded by 'Making Ends Meet' also.

In the last 45 years, Singapore architects contributed to 'Making Ends Meet' for the Country, the Government, the developers and the property owners. The next lap will be more demanding. Let's examine and come out with answers. Do Singapore architects have what it takes to succeed? I shall discuss and question some of the pros and cons, the positive factors and the negative factors.

We must first learn to help ourselves by 'Making Ends Meet' *in a big way*. In the last lap, one of the most glaring failures was, while we helped others make good, we have not progressed. Many questions need to be reviewed.

If we do not have it, we will truly end up a *sunset* industry, and *Form Follow Future* will pass us by!

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Closing Date for Registration **23 July 2009**

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