

CPD SIA Academy SAGE Talk Series:



Mr. Wee Chwee Heng on Enduring Partnerships, Engaging Design

A partner with Kumpulan Akitek since 1969, Wee Chwee Heng has worked on many projects in Singapore which include major landmarks like the Surbordinate Courts Complex, hotels like the Ming Court Hotel, resorts, schools and planning university campuses. He has extensive experience in planning and design in Singapore. An urban planner with significant design experience which includes aspects of water edge and water body development design, and nature reserve planning, he has worked on the Changi Development Guide Plan where water bodies were integrated with both the landscape and urban development.



What does it take to sustain an architectural practice or partnership over many years? How does one carve in a niche as an architect in today's competitive climate? What values can architects adopt as constants in their practice amidst the changing market demands, aesthetic preferences of the age and turbulent economies? Younger architects, perhaps, grapple with these questions as they experience a global financial crisis that have impacted architectural practices both large and small. Wee Chwee Heng from Kumpulan Akitek has been witness to over five decades of architectural practice in Singapore. Renamed Kumpulan Akitek (or Architects' Group in Malay) following the merger of Singapore with Malaysia 1964, the firm's indigenous roots and focus on team effort are ingrained within its name. I wish to share with a younger generation of architects the experiences, principles and values that have grounded our architecture practice since the 1960s. In today's climate, where the architectural practice is being subjected to economic pressures, forces of globalisation and the chase for brand names, architectural practices can readopt basic fundamentals of purposeful design and attentiveness to the needs of its users. Through a discussion of Kumpulan Akitek's work and experiences from the 1960s to the late 1990s, this talk will give insight into how architectural practices can sustain enduring partnerships and produce engaging designs through the years.

Date: 7 July 2009, Tuesday

Venue : Singapore Institute of Architects

SIA Theatrette - Level 1 79B Neil Road S(088904)

Time : 7.00PM - 9.00PM

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6.30pm Registration & Light Refreshment

7.00pm Welcome Remarks by SIA

7.05pm Engaging Partnerships,

Engaging Design

8.30pm Questions & Answers

9.00pm End

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