

The SAGE Talks

Yang Soo Suan: Morality in Architectural Practice



Mr. Yang Soo Suan obtained his Bachelor of Architecture (Hons)(B.Arch) degree in 1961 from Melbourne University. In 1974 he co-founded the partnership of Architects 61 (A61), which was incorporated in 1994 as Architects 61 Pte Ltd, and served as its Executive Chairman until his retirement in July 2003. In January 2004 he was invited to be an Advisor to RSP and subsequently appointed a Director to the Board of Directors. He has held positions in the board of the board of architects, the Housing Development Board and National Fire Prevention Council and was awarded the prestigious Public Service Star (BBM) in 1996. Currently, he holds Directorship in a number of private and public companies, financial institutions and charitable organizations. He was the architect responsible for Plaza Singapura, The Hilton Hotel, the ComCentre, the Heeren Building and Thomson Plaza. In collaboration with IM Pei & Partners, he was the partner in charge of the Raffles City Centre, Singapore's first mega commercial complex, encompassing the Westin Stamford, which occupies the position of the world's tallest hotel for over a decade.

A high point of his career was the Architect responsible for the preservation and development of the Raffles Hotel complex which was voted the finest Hotel of its category in the world which won the award of preservation excellence in Singapore. His contributions to the Singapore skyline as Project Architect include the UOB Plaza 1 & 2, the twin towers of the Singapore Exchange, the Temasek Tower (formally the Treasury Building) and the reclad Singapore Land Tower.

His wide knowledge and keen interest in the Building Industry made him a significant contributor in the modernization of Building Regulations, Fire Codes, Construction Contracts and Professional Constitutions in Singapore as committee member of relevant Government Agencies, by helping to move them from a conformance regime to a performance platform, anticipating the IT and electronic age which permeates the Industry to-day.

Mr Yang considers Architecture as a calling to serve the community. This approach to the profession he loves has kept him on course and led him into areas both closely and remotely related to Architecture and its creative strength. It also maintains his passion and curiosity in the quality and meaning of our built environment. In this talk entitled the "Morality issues in "Architectural Practice" he will share with us his life long calling into a profession that parallels the growth and development of modern Singapore.

Date: 27 Aug 2009,
Thursday
Venue: Singapore Institute
of Architects
SIA Theatre
79B Neil Road
S(088904)
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Seminar Fees:

SIA Members 60 yrs and
Above : Complimentary

SIA Members: \$50/-

BOA/CIJC Member: \$75/-

Non-Member: \$100/-

Programme:

6.30pm: Registration & Light
Refreshments

7.00pm: Welcome remarks by
SIA Representative

7.05pm: Presentation by Yang
Soo Suan

8.30pm: Question & Answer

9.00pm: End

**BOA-SIA CPD
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Synopsis:

The SIA Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics (SIA Code) required all its members to always bear in mind their obligations to their client, their professional colleagues and the building industry and laid down three principles of conduct.

Principle 1: A member must at all times, faithfully carry out the duties which he undertakes and have due regard to the interest of his client who commission him, and shall act with loyalty towards his professional colleagues.

Principle 2: A member shall avoid actions and situations inconsistent with his professional obligations or likely to raise doubts about his integrity as an architect.

Principle 3: A member shall rely only on ability and achievement as the basis for his advancement in practice.

Under the three principles there are 26 sub clauses which spell out in detail the situations that will arise.

Apart from the SIA Code there is also the Board of Architects Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics under The Architects Act (BOA Code) for all practicing Architects. The BOA Code has 47 sub clauses of dos and don'ts. Finally there is also the Civil Law and Law of Tort which an Architect can become liable to the public for negligence, misconduct or misdemeanour.

Are all these Codes necessary?

Yang Soo Suan who recently retired after over 46 years of active and intensive professional practice in the private sector believes that provision of such codes are essential to the identity and image of the Profession. Far from being a negative inference and perception of the profession, they have been a positive endorsement of the moral fortitude and strength of the Architects. It is essential because of the nature and character of the Architect's work and the powers given to him from inception to completion of a building project.

He will share from personal experiences, real life examples, anecdotes and situations, in which morality plays a pivotal role..

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(SAGE TALK BY YANG SOO SUAN)

Thursday, 27 Aug 2009 - 7pm to 9pm

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