

SIA SMART SERIES #1: ARCHITECTURAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SINGAPORE VERSION 2.0

SIA Master Architect Talk (SMART Series):

Singapore's rapid modernization and urbanisation has peaked. This coincides with the Global Slowdown. Structural changes are in store and these will affect architecture. For one, Singapore society has reached a level of maturity as seen in the results of GE 2011. People have lost their traditional fear and there is a "new normal".

Tay Kheng Soon's lecture will offer some perspectives of business-not-as-usual. It will suggest what might be in store in HDB 2.0, URA 2.0, PA 2.0, Schools 2.0, etc. specifically he will show the design research he have done, some of which with his NUS students on planning methodology. This has resulted in the idea of inserting Central and Peripheral Nervous Systems into all our Housing Estates to make them smarter; what these might consist of and what design challenges these will pose.

Tay will also address the density question and how the "Southern Intensification" can easily accommodate another 2 million people if needs be with the result that all the nature and heritage sensitive areas can be preserved. Tay will also question the wisdom of building more new towns in the North of the Island as these will only aggravate the transport problem. Finally, he will want to raise the question of Westernised aesthetic development understandable in the "catch up" phase but now that we have caught up what's next? Tay hopes to enjoy a robust discussion with attendees in our much too tame environment!



Tay Kheng Soon has been a professional architect since 1964. He was chairman of Singapore Planning and Urban Research Group (SPUR) in 1970, an independent group examining the urban environment, active in proposing innovative solutions to urban living. He was President of the Singapore Institute of Architects from 1991 - 1993.

Tay is currently practising as sole proprietor of his own firm. His abiding concern is sustainable urbanisation and the evolution of a proper design process factoring in human dimensions within the Asian context. His scope of thinking and design compasses politics, education, economics, the environment, culture and

modernisation. His enduring concern is in engendering modernity through integrating human motivation, planning and space design in a design language that is firmly based on the local reality of climate, vegetation and life.

Increasingly his concern is with education. Most Singaporean children are brought up with a left-brain bias, their right brains are underdeveloped. He thus advocates that Kampong experience is vital to help restore a balance. That is why he is actively involved in setting up Kampong Temasek for families and their children; a charitable project.

Tay is currently Adjunct Professor of Architecture at the National University of Singapore. In 2003, he was elected a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), a global community of intellectuals dedicated to considering, "the social consequences and policy implications of knowledge." Tay is also a member of the World Ektistics Society, (WES) which focuses on the study of human settlements.

Educationally, his concern is with the learning of architectural design aesthetics through integrating personality development to environmental ethics. Thus, he elected to teach in the 1st year of the NUS architecture Program in 2003. He also runs Kem-Eco, an Eco-education forest-camp in nearby Johore, Malaysia for schools and corporate groups.

His public contributions have been as Chairman of the Task Force for the Long-term Development of the Singapore National Museum, Chairman of the Committee on Heritage for the Singapore Advisory Council on Culture and the Arts. He was also Founding Chairman of The Substation, a cutting-edge-ground-up arts centre in Singapore. His civic activities include membership of the Advisory Panel of the Government Parliamentary Committee on National Development and a member of the advisory panel of the Singapore Institute of Policy Studies. He has been appointed in 1997 Adjunct Professor of Architecture at RMIT of Australia. He is Adjunct Professor at National University of Singapore.

His seminal paper on Rubanisation was published in November 2008 in the policy journal, "Global Asia" and it led to his invitation to Indonesia and Sri Lanka where he is in discussion with the authorities there to implement Rubanisation in these two respective countries. Indonesia's ministry of disadvantaged regions has adopted rural urbanisation based on Tay's ideas on 7th December 2009. Thua Thien Hue has also adopted Rubanisation as part of the tourism master plan Tay is commissioned to develop.

In 2010, Tay was awarded the highest honour by the Singapore Institute of Architects its Gold Medal for life-long contribution to architecture and to the profession. In 2009 he was conferred the Passive Low Energy Architecture (PLEA) international award.

EVENT DETAILS

Date	: 21 February 2013, Thursday
Time	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Registration will start from 6.30pm onwards with refreshment)
Venue	: Singapore Institute of Architects SIA Theatre Level 1 79 Neil Road (S) 088904
BOA-SIA CPD	: 5 CPD points
Seminar fees	: SIA Members (\$50.00), Non Members (\$100.00) (fees inclusive of GST)
Closing date	: 15 February 2013

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

6.30pm	Registration with Light Refreshment
7.00pm	Presentation by Mr Tay Kheng Soon, AKITEK TENGGA
8.30pm	Q & A
9.00pm	End of event

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