

# The Anthropology of Architecture: from the pre-green to the pseudo-green

## **SIA Master Architect Talk (SMART Series): by SIA Past President & Life Fellow**



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### **Abstract**

The illustrated talk will present a survey of societal endeavours in the built environment from the Indigenous to the International, sharing the author's personal experiences of the pioneers of the Modern Movement (from Frank Lloyd Wright, Walter Gropius to Richard Buckminster Fuller) and also philosophic views about the state of Architecture, and about the current fads and wasteful aberrations and exhibitionism in urbanized and commercialised trends. He will discuss aspects of Cultural Integrity, Style and Stylism, Creativity, Derivation and Plagiarism – and Jingoism.

### **Profile**

Born in Penang, educated at Penang Free School, University of Malaya, University of Manchester and MIT. RIBA Rome Scholarship Finalist 1956, Commonwealth Fund (Harkness) Fellow 1955-56, Visiting Professor University of Manchester 1995-2004, Quatercentenary Visiting Fellow Emmanuel College Cambridge 1995, PAM Gold Medalist 1997.

Apart from the speaker's well-known involvement with SIA, Singapore Polytechnic School of Building & Architecture, CAA, Arcasia, HDB (and less known, with the UNDP Panel for State & City Planning, Singapore) and practice under Malayan Architect's Co-partnership and Architects Team Three, he has had strong interests in Ethnography and the Indigenous Habitat of S.E. Asia, as Project Director for the S.E. Asia Cultural Research Programme (SEACURP) at ISEAS under a Toyota Foundation grant. He will recount his personal contacts with significant international personalities, and global experiences. He has served as Visiting Professor at the University of Manchester (1995-2004), and as the Quatercentenary Visiting Fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (1995). He retired from active practice in 1995, and has served advisorily in education and urban planning. He has served as Chairman of the Malaysian Forestry Research & Development Board, FRIM (2001-2004), and has been dedicating himself to botanical research, inter alia, and currently in the publishing of the journal *Folia Malaysiana*, and with the Suriana Botanic Conservation Gardens in Penang. He was recently elected a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

Date : 16 August 2013, Friday  
Time : 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
(Registration will start from 6.30pm onwards with refreshment)  
Venue : Singapore Institute of Architects  
SIA Theatrette 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 : 12 August 2013

**\*\* Registration for attendance of seminar shall be closed 30 mins after the seminar commences.**

## **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

6.30pm Registration with Light Refreshment  
7.00pm Welcome remarks by SIA President  
7.05pm Presentation by **Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat**  
8.30pm Q & A  
9.00pm End of event

For more information, please contact SIA (**Ms Jacey Tay**):

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