### **SIA Event:**

## **SINGAPORE VERSION 2.0**

#### SYNOPSIS OF VIDEO:

## SINGAPORE VERSION 2.0 AND FOLLOWUP DISCUSSION BY TAY KHENG SOON

The video was posted on Youtube on 13th December 2013 and has received over 1700 viewers as of 14th January 2014.

The video addresses two key issues which together constitute a new architectural and planning agenda for Singapore.

The first is the Southern Intensification stretching from Pandan Reservoir on the West to Marina East on the East. At a modest plot ratio of 4.5:1 a mix development of residential and non residential developments can easily accommodate an additional 2,000,000 people. This frees up the rest of the island from any further intensification and allows for all nature and heritage areas to be preserved. This makes it possible to preserve Singapore's most important heritage area the Bukit Brown Cemetery in memory of many of Singapore's pioneers.

The second is the insertion of Central Nervous Systems into all our HDB estates to increase their internal connectivity to turn them into campuses for learning-in-place, working-in-place and aging – in-place. These together with civic and cultural facilities will transform the Singapore mind-space hugely. Together with extensive grade separated bicycle tracks, the entire island will be interconnected and thus become a "brain"; an important means together with related soft-ware in terms of enhanced public participation, social learning, inter-generational communication, enhanced scope for new start-ups and the internet will propel Singapore's social capital to a whole new level.

The third idea is to consider a new sector in the economy; the sustainability of a solidarity economy in the form of social and innovative enterprises that emerge out of a work, live, learn, play, farm and heal environment in Singapore for everyone.

Our sort of New York in the South, the heart and brains in the centre and our Bali in the North.

There is much architects and planners can contribute to the National Conversation. SIA has an important role to play. The purpose of this even is to initiate just such a conversation.

The Profession is invited to discuss the ideas put forward in the video.

Kindly watch the video prior to attending the discussion: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQOfcNBo948

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date : 19 March 2014, Wednesday

Time : 5.00pm - 6.30pm

(Registration will start from 4.30pm onwards with

coffee and tea)

Venue : Singapore Institute of Architects

> SIA Theatrette Level 1 79 Neil Road (S) 088904

BOA-SIA CPD: 5 CPD points

Seminar fees: SIA Members (\$70.00),

Non Members (\$140.00)

(fees inclusive of GST)

Closing date: 13 March 2014

### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

4.30pm Registration

5.00pm Presentation & Discussion by

Mr Tay Kheng Soon, AKITEK TENGGARA

6.30pm End of event

#### **HIGHLIGHT:**

The seminar will be followed by the

SIA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm

(Registration and dinner will commence at 7.00pm)

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

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

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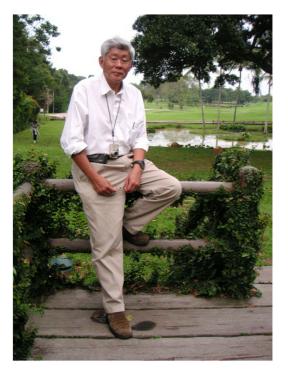
Tay Kheng Soon has been a professional architect since 1964. He was chairman of **Singapore Planning and Urban Research Group (SPUR)** in 1970, an independent group examining the urban environment, active in proposing innovative solutions to urban living. He was President of the Singapore Institute of 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 though 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 Ekistics 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> december 2009. Thua Thien Hue has also adopted Rubanisation as part of the tourism master plan Tay is comissioned 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.



**Application Form** [SAP Code: 2CPD-4201030-010] **EVENT DETAIL** : Singapore Version 2.0 Seminar : 19 March 2014, Wednesday Date : 5.00PM - 6.30PM (Registration will start from 4.30pm onwards with coffee and tea) Time Venue : Singapore Institute of Architects, SIA Theatrette Level 1 (79 Neil Road, Singapore 088904) BOA-SIA CPD : 5 CPD points : \$70.00 (SIA Members), \$140.00 (Non Members) - fees inclusive of GST Seminar fee Closing date : 13 March 2014 Please fax / email the completed registration form to Ms Jacey Tay: Fax: (65) 6226 2663 Email: cpd@sia.org.sg And follow up with cheque / cash / online payment to Singapore Institute of Architects. Please tick your mode of payment: ] By Cheque Bank/Chq#: You can drop by SIA office to make cash payment between Amt S\$: Local Cheque (must be drawn in Singapore) should be crossed 9.30am - 5.30pm on weekdays. and made payable to "Singapore Institute of Architects". [ ] By Online Payment http://members.sia.org.sg/payment/sia-20140319.html Mail to SIA address: Singapore Institute of Architects (It is mandatory to provide us with your Receipt ID # after your 79B Neil Road, Singapore 088904 credit card payment transaction) Please indicate your name, company/institution and course Receipt ID #: date/title on the back of the cheque. Participant's Detail Organization: Contact Person (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Mailing Address: \_\_\_ S( **Email** NRIC / FIN # **Amt Full Name of Participant** (as per NRIC/FIN, pls underline surname) HP #: ☐ SIA Member, SIA #: [ ☐ Non Member, BOA # (if any): [ 2 HP #: SIA Member, SIA #: [ ☐ Non Member, BOA # (if any): [ ] 3 HP #: SIA Member, SIA #: [ ☐ Non Member, BOA # (if any): [ 1 ☐ SIA Member, SIA #: [ HP #: ☐ Non Member, BOA # (if any): [ ] HP #: SIA Member, SIA #: [ ☐ Non Member, BOA # (if any): [ ] \*\*Please take note that all the above fields are mandatory. Incomplete form Total: will not be process. Registration will be on a First-Come-First-Served basis and will be accepted Cheque payment for this activity should not be combined with payment for other SIA upon receipt of registration form and payment to SIA. Registration by fax will events/courses only be confirmed upon receipt of payment. Fees paid are non-refundable under all circumstances. Replacement of participant will be allowed only if written notification is made at least 3 days before the event. **Registration Confirmation No.:-**Where a Non-Member replaces a Member (must be from the same Org.) the fee

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