



A lecture for the SIA - URA - NUS by **Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat** on 3rd March 2015

### Abstract

As the opening chapter of the SIA documentary series on the pioneer modern architects of Singapore since the sixties, the speaker was invited to recall his work from the Singapore Conference Hall to the DBS Building, which may be the markers of the New Architecture of the republic until the advent of imported foreign architects. Lim Chong Keat was the third President of the SIA and played an active multifaceted role in the establishment of the professional body and its journal. He began the group practice called Malayan Architects Copartnership, which was succeeded by Architects Team Three, with competition permeated projects from the Conference Hall to the Jurong Town Hall (and others). In the prequel to this talk he traced the pioneering of architectural education with his autobiographical experiences as the first lecturer in established in the School of Building & Architecture, Singapore Polytechnic, a lecture in which he began to describe the environment of emerging Singapore in the sixties. His account will be recorded on the SIA Archives, to be followed by talks by other contemporaries of the era.

### 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.

Within Singapore, two of his landmark creations, the Singapore Conference Hall and the former Jurong Town Hall, have been granted heritage status for their historic roles and outstanding architectural qualities.

He will recount his personal contacts with significant international personalities, and global experiences. He has served a 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 : 03 March 2015, Tuesday  
 Time : 6.00pm - 8.00pm  
 (Registration will start from 5.30pm onwards with light refreshment)  
 Venue : The URA Centre (Podium Block)  
 Function Hall – Level 5  
 45 Maxwell Road, Singapore  
 069118

BOA-SIA CPD : 6 CPD points

Seminar fees : SIA Members (\$70.00),  
 Non Members (\$140.00)  
 SIA Student Members  
 (Complimentary)  
 (fees inclusive of GST)

Closing date : 26 February 2015

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

**Closed**

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

5.30pm Registration with Light Refreshment  
 6.00pm Presentation by  
**Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat**  
 8.00pm End of event

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