

SIA Gold Medal Lecture by Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat: "The Future for Architecture"

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A philosophic overview of the changing context for Architecture as a significant aspect of Culture within diverse civilisations. In tribute to Richard Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983)

Abstract

As world cultures face wide-ranging crises, the built environment and the socio-economic fabric of societies will be affected, especially by crass commercialisation and wastage. The speaker will express views on the prospects for responsible design and the need for new integrities, and local/global equations for the future of diverse communities that make up each "civilisation". He will relate his inspirations from Buckminster Fuller, with references to Fuller's seminal works: "Manual for Spaceship Earth", "Critical Path", "Utopia or Oblivion" & "Grunch of Giants".

Profile

Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat, DGPN, DSPN, BBM, APAM, FASc.
B.A. Hons. Arch (Manchester), M.Arch (MIT), LL.D. honoris causa (Manchester)

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, SIA Life Fellow, SIA Gold Medalist 2015.

Apart from the speaker's well-known involvement with SIA, Singapore Polytechnic School of Building & Architecture, CAARC Asia, 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 Ethnicity 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 has had personal contact with notable personalities, including Walter Gropius, Frank Lloyd Wright, Charles Eames, Paul Rudolph, and most significantly with Richard Buckminster Fuller, with whom he organised the Campuan World Meetings and the currently ensuing Buckyworld Confluence. 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 is a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

EVENT DETAILS

Date : 31 July 2015, Friday
Time : 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(Registration will start from 6.30pm onwards with light refreshment)
Venue : The URA Centre (Podium Block)
Function Hall – Level 5
45 Maxwell Road, (S)069118
BOA-SIA CPD : 6 CPD points
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Closing date : 23 July 2015

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

6.30pm Registration with Light Refreshment
7.00pm Presentation by
Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat
9.00pm End of event

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