IFE (UK) Singapore Branch held its 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 22 March evening at the Furama Riverfront Hotel. It was attended by around eighty members.

The AGM started with President Mr Christopher Tan delivering the opening address. He gave an account of the various activities organised over the past years since the current management council was elected in March 2018, including the seminar on Fire Code 2018 held on 8 January 2019 that had attracted about 900 participants.

At the end of his speech, President also raised the issue of the increase in annual membership fee by 10% for the Singapore branch. He cited the need to increase the fee as a result of the substantial increase of capitation fee from IFE UK over the years. He added that our local branch did not increase its membership fee over the past years despite increasing operating costs. There were good exchanges with the floor on whether we should explore other avenues to raise fund for the institution instead of increasing the membership fee. At the end of the discussion, members unanimously approved the proposal to the 10% increase of membership fee effective 1 April 2019.

After the AGM, members were treated to a sumptuous 8 course dinner and highly entertaining games and performances, including singing, magic show and of course, the lucky draws. The first prize of the lucky draw worth more than $500 went to Mr Chan Kok Way. Congratulations Mr Chan and other lucky winners!

The event ended with a very happy and memorable note for everyone who had made the night possible.
President giving opening address of AGM

Members participating in the camaraderie

Singing performance by artiste
Crystal ball magic performance

Members participating in floor games

President presented the first prize of lucky draw to Mr Chan Kok Way
Happy faces and smilies from all who attended the AGM
FIRE CODE 2018 SEMINAR – 8, JAN 2019

In conjunction with the launch of the new Fire Code 2018 in August 18, IFE Singapore Branch organized a mega-size ½ day seminar on 8 Jan 2019 titled Fire Code 2018.

The main feature of the seminar was to update industry professionals on the key changes in the new fire code. The seminar was held in the NUS Cultural Centre at Kent Ridge. About 913 participants attended the event. Most of them were architects, professional engineers, developers, building owners, building and M&E contractors, fire safety engineers and fire safety managers etc. A mini fire exhibition was also organized alongside the seminar.

The Vice President of IFE Singapore Mr Ramanathan gave the opening address on behalf of President Mr Christopher Tan who was unable to attend. The speakers were involved in the review of the Fire Code 2018. For the first session, the speakers were Mr Tan Yi Yang (SCDF), Mdm Eng Yew Hoon and LTC Choh Choon Jin (SCDF).

Shortly after the tea break, LTC Choh led the second session, followed by Er Choong Choon Guan, Er Yeow Mei Leng and Mr Randy Tan (SCDF). Moderator of the first Q&A session was Mr Azmi bin Adam and the second session was Er Siew Yee Cheong.

The seminar ended at about 6.30pm after the tokens of appreciation were presented to the speakers and sponsors of the event by the Vice President.
Er Choong Choon Guan presenting his topic

Er Yeow Mei Leng speaking on her topic

Mr Randy Tan speaking on his topic
IFE Member’s Night cum Technical Talk

IFE Singapore organized its first Member’s night cum technical talk for 2019 on 18 Jan. This event was sponsored by Promat Building System, a multinational company specializing in passive fire protection systems with its distributors in Singapore. Special thanks to them.

The program started at 7.30pm after a good buffet dinner was served to the participants. The President of IFE Singapore Branch, Mr Christopher Tan gave the opening address. He later presented the membership certificates to three new members. They were Mr Daven Tan, Mr Eugene Phng and Dr Jeffrey Ng.

The technical talk was given in two sessions. Mr Khoo Kim Leong, the Senior Area Manager of Promat Building System presented on Steel Structural Protection. The other was by Miss Angela Lee, the Marketing Manager of Promat Building System. Her topic was The Pitfalls in Passive Fire Protection. Both presentations drew active participation from the members during the Q&A sessions.

After the technical talk, President presented the tokens of appreciation to Promat Building Systems and Welmate, who had kindly rendered their premises to the event. Promat treated members with some interesting team games after the talk. Members and guests actively participated and partake in the good fun together. The event ended at about 10pm and members left with good memory of the night.

President gave away prize to a winner of the floor game

President presented the token of appreciation to Mr Lim Hong Keng of Welmate
President presenting the token of appreciation to Mrs Chong Swee Lin of Promat.

Miss Angela giving her talk on the pitfalls on Passive Fire Protection.

Members participating in floor games
Correction

In the picture on page 1 of IFE News Issue No.18 titled IFE Malaysia Branch Visit to Singapore, the person on the left of the picture should be Ir Lee Kong Fan, Deputy President, IFE (M) and not Ir Lam Kai Min, Hon Sec IFE (M).

Also, on the paragraph above the bottom picture of page 2, the name of Mr Koh Soon Chuan was wrongly spelt as Mr Koh Soon Chuan. The name of Er Yeow Mei Leng was also wrongly spelt as Er Yeow Mei Ling.

We hereby apologise for the errors made.
FIRE NEWS QUIZ 19

WIN a NTUC Shopping Voucher of $20 by answering the following question correctly

Question:

Is the car park smoke exhaust fan’s control panel in the picture installed correctly as per Singapore fire code? If not, please give your reason.

Please send your answer together with your name, membership number, contact number and email address by 15 June 2019 to ifespore@singnet.com.sg, with the subject heading as “IFE Contest”. If we receive correct answers from a few participants, the winner will be selected by means of balloting by the council.

For Fire News Quiz 18, the correct answer is:

The fire rated cladding for the hydrant pipe was damaged at the end near the floor. To ensure that it is complying to the fire code, the cladding must be further protected by metal jacketing to prevent it from being damaged.

Mr Eugene Phng (membership no 64898) had sent in the correct answer and has won a NTUC voucher of $20. Congratulations Mr Phng.
The IFE offers:

- Professional status for its members
- Enhance career prospects
- Continuing professional development opportunities
- Free subscription to the International Fire Professional Journal
- Educational and career progression through a range of accredited examinations
- A voice in national and international debate on issues affecting fire management
- Unparalleled opportunities to network with fellow professionals worldwide
- Sponsorship opportunities for higher education and research grants
- Impartial, friendly advice on how to become an Engineering Technician, Incorporated Engineer or Chartered Engineer.