Our branch organized the IFE Golf and Members’ Networking event on 4 Dec 19 as its last activity for the year. The golf tournament attracted members and business associates, forming 12 flights with an early noon tee-off at the Orchid Country Club (OCC) under fine weather. A friendly bowling tournament was also held at OCC in the late afternoon for those who opted for this activity. Our MOU partners from FSMAS and A-CERTS supported us by fielding in teams.

The Member’s Night dinner was held in the evening at the Ball Room of OCC. Our president, Christopher Tan thanked members and guests for their support and participation despite the event being held during the December holiday period. He also introduced a special guest, Mr Bruce H. Varner, the International President of IFE UK (2019-2020) who was on the Singapore-leg of his visit to international branches. In his special address, Mr Varner shared on the developments of IFE UK, it’s continually growing membership and contribution to the fire safety industry in UK as well as the international communities.

A MOU renewal signing ceremony between IFE Singapore and A-CERTS was also held during the Member’s night. The MOU was signed between our president and Mr Dennis Ng, the Vice President of A-CERTS and
witnessed by Mr Varner. The renewal of the MOU reflected the strong and cordial relationship enjoyed by the two institutions as our president highlighted during his Welcome address.

Members and friends partake in the sumptuous eight course Chinese reception and entertainment by the artiste as well as floor games. And obviously not to be missed was the lucky draws for the members. The grand prize went to a lucky member who had earlier that evening received his new IFE membership certificate from Mr Varner. What a lucky start for him!
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT TO SINGAPORE

On 3 Dec, IP IFE(UK), Mr Bruce Varner was hosted to a welcome dinner by our Singapore Branch President, Vice President, Immediate Past President and Education Committee Chairperson.

A dialogue cum dinner with Mr Varner was held on 5 Dec where President Christopher Tan, Vice President Rama, Honorary Secretary Cheong Yew Dong and other council members engaged with Mr Varner on branch issues.
A souvenir for Mr Koh Soon Chuang, council member

A souvenir for Ms Ruth Wong, council member

A souvenir for Hon Secretary Mr Cheong Yew Dong

A souvenir for Mr Loh Eng Choon, council member

A souvenir for Mr David Goh, council member
IFE VISIT TO HTTC

About 30 of our members visited the Home Team Tactical Centre (HTTC) at Mandai Quarry Road on 24 Oct 2019. The group was welcomed by MAJ Cheong Yew Dong (who is also the Honorary Secretary of IFE) at the Visitor car park and was ushered to the briefing hall.

The afternoon visit began with a screening of the SCDF corporate video, followed by a briefing by LTC Ow Yong Tuck Wah, Head of Specialist Fire Training Centre. He shared on the details of the redevelopment plan of the Civil Defence Academy which when fully completed in 2022 would equip the SCDF with state-of-the-art training facilities to enhance its competencies in EMS, mass transit incidents, including a fire research centre.

After the briefing, our members went in groups on a guided tour of the training facilities, namely for ship firefighting, urban search & rescue (represented by the leaning tower which simulates a partial collapsed building due to earthquake), and the multi-storey chemical complex for industrial fire-fighting etc.

Members were very impressed with the realism created by the training simulators of actual scenarios faced by fire fighters and professional presentations by the various trainers during the visit. LTC Ow Yong engaged our members with a Q & A session back at the briefing room after the field visit.

President Christopher Tan, who recently retired from the SCDF further shared with our members on the history of CDA’s development in Mandai and Jalan Bahar campus. In closing, he thanked the great team of officers from CDA for providing a very enriching and informative visit for our IFE members. He also applauded CDA for transforming itself over the years to become a highly reputable and leading training institution in the region and beyond.
President Tan sharing the history of CDA Mandai development with members

Site of the collapsed building

Site of the Leaning Tower

Simulation of fire in the ship’s engine room
IFE APPLAUDS SCDF VOLUNTEERS THROUGH BURSARY AWARDS

IFE Singapore supported the SCDF volunteers again this year with 16 students from various tertiary institutions receiving the IFE-CD Lionhearter Study Bursary Award of $50 each. Other donors hailed from other public organisations and private businesses.

The awards were presented at the SCDF Volunteer & Movie Awards held on 25 Oct 19 evening at Lido Theatre.

This yearly event was organised by SCDF to show appreciation to their volunteers, and also recognizing exemplary and deserving volunteers via the presentation of awards, namely The Outstanding CD Lionhearter Award, The CDAU Exemplary Officer Award and The CD Lionhearter Study Bursary Award.

About 500 volunteers together with other invited guests attended this event. The Guest Of Honour was A/P Mr Ho Peng Kee, Chairman of the Home Team Volunteer Network. The President of IFE Singapore Branch, Mr Christopher Tan presented the IFE bursary awards. Joining him at the event were Council members Er Gn Chiang Yam and Mr Michael Mok and their spouses. Following the award presentation, a movie titled Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil, a Disney production was screened.

SEMINAR ON ‘UPDATE ON SS578’

Eighty participants attended the seminar organized by IFE at PARKROYAL on Beach Road on 13 December 2019.

The objective of this seminar was to share on the latest changes to the SS 578: 2019 Code Of Practice for The Use and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers that will take effect in 2020. The seminar briefing was well received and ended with a lively Question and Answer session.

A mini-exhibition was held alongside the seminar, supported by Lingjack Engineering, Nam Leong and CAE Engineering who had set up booths to showcase the latest fire safety equipment. IFE thanked all participants for the engaging seminar and also to Er Yee Poh Kin, Mr Loh Eng Choon and Mr Azmi Adam, being speakers and moderator respectively, for their enlightening session.

IFE SIG-FI organised a visit to TUV SUD PSB Fire Laboratory (Tuas) on Thursday 31 October 2019. 10 IFE members have attended. SIG-FI Chairperson, Mr Derek Tan shared on the purposes of this visit during his opening speech.

One of the main objectives is to allow IFE SG to serve as the premier platform for networking to promote peer discussion and consultation in all matters related to the field of fire investigation amongst the various industry partners and stakeholders in Singapore.

The IFE SIG-FI members were shared on the scope of the fire laboratory by the Assistant Vice President (Fire Property), Real Estate and Infrastructure (RI) and Mechanical (Tuas), Mr Joseph Chng.

TUV SUD provides testing support for the Product Listing Scheme (PLS) which manufacturers and traders use as a quality assurance scheme to achieve product conformance and product acceptance by buyers and regulatory authorities. Some of their fire testing services including Mechanical test (Door hardwares and fire fighting products), fire resistance test (Products include composite/lift landing doorsets, dampers, wall, glazing, refuse chute hoppers, dumbwaiters, intumescent paint etc), Reaction to fire test (Building materials, electrical cable, flooring, materials used in transportation, plastic and rubber materials, ship materials, textile materials, upholstery and furnishing).

A short tour of their fire laboratory was also conducted where the IFE members were shown some of its testing equipment and the required standards behind each testing.
UPCOMING EVENT

The upcoming AGM cum Member's Night was originally scheduled to be held in Novotel Clark Quay Hotel on 27 March 2020. The event will be postponed till further notice due to COVID-19 outbreak.

UPDATE OF COURSES

1) Upcoming seminar - The seminar by the FSE-SIG, topic : Advanced Fire Dynamics and Application to Performance Base Design on 16-17 April 2020 will also be postponed till further notice due to COVID-19 outbreak.

2) 48th run of "Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers Course"
   Commencement date : 24 Feb 2020

Please check details at our web site or contact Miss Connie Ng, our administrator @ Tel : 63389274
**FIRE NEWS QUIZ 22**

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

**Question:**

In Singapore Fire Code 2018, the provision of emergency lighting is exempted for:

1) Open and partly open to sky roof terrace garden.

2) Open-sided single storey building with floor area not exceeding 250m² and openings that constitute at least 75% of the perimeter wall area (measured along the roof eaves).

Please point out if the above clauses are correct or incorrect. If incorrect, please give your reasons.

Please send your answer together with your name, membership number, contact number and email address by 15 November 2019 to admin@ife.org.sg (Attention Miss Connie Ng) 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 20, the correct answer is:

1) The hose reel riser pipe fire rated cladding protection is damaged, and there is no proper metal jacketing to protect the fire rated cladding from any external damage.

2) The hose reel drum is obstructed and is prevented from speedy pulling out in case of fire.

A correct answer is given by Mr Chai Wee Thong (membership number M9004). He has therefore won a NTUC Voucher of $20/-. 
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