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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

As we reflect on the remarkable journey of the Institution of Fire Engineers, Singapore (IFE), it fills me with excitement to announce that this year marks our Golden Jubilee. Since our inception half a century ago, IFES has been a beacon in the field of fire engineering. Through our collective efforts, we have made significant strides in advancing fire safety standards and fostering professional development.

This 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary provides us with a unique opportunity to celebrate our past accomplishments while reaffirming our commitment to the fire engineering community. To mark this special occasion, we have planned a series of commemorative events, seminars, and networking opportunities throughout the year. These activities would not only celebrate our achievements but also foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and professional growth within our diverse and vibrant community.

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## EVENTS & NEWS

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, 70 members of IFES and invited guests gathered for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Holiday Inn Orchard City Centre.

The AGM started with President Mr K Ramanathan delivering the opening address. As part of his opening address, he gave an account of the annual reports for the various committees forming part of the Management Council and statement of accounts.

While this was an election year, a formal vote was not required as there were exactly the same number of nominations as there were seats available on the council.

To acknowledge and welcome new members into the institution, the President formally presented certificates to new members, as is tradition.





Photographs: 50<sup>th</sup> AGM proceedings, including presentation of certificates to new members Mr Chan Chien Hong and ACE ServTech Pte Ltd - Mr Bernard Phua



With the conclusion of the AGM, there was a technical talk by Mr. Gavin Goh, representing ExxFire Singapore.

His presentation was about the use of patented non-pressurized stored nitrogen gas to protect multiple types of enclosures, such as server racks, e-cabinets, power distribution units, switching cabinets or any other cabinet with high value or mission critical equipment from fires.



Photograph: Mr Gavin Goh of ExxFire receiving token of appreciation from President Mr K Ramanathan

After his talk, dinner commenced. Members took the opportunity to express appreciation for the friendships and professional connections forged through their involvement with the IFES.

As the evening drew to a close, the gathering served as a reminder of the importance of collaboration, support, and friendship in advancing the mission of the IFES and shaping the future of fire engineering.





Photograph: AGM dinner



Photograph: IFES Council 2024-2026 and appointed scrutinizers for 2022-2024



## EVENTS & NEWS

### COUNCIL RETREAT IN BATAM

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Members of the IFES recently convened in Batam to relax, discuss and finalize preparations for the organization's Golden Jubilee celebrations slated for later this year.

During the gathering, council members deliberated on a wide range of topics, including event logistics, guest invitations, thematic events, and outreach initiatives.

Drawing upon the council's diverse experiences from previous years, participants exchanged ideas and formulated strategies to engage IFE members and stakeholders from Singapore and regionally.

We look forward to welcoming members and stakeholders to join us in this historic occasion, celebrating fifty years of dedication to fire safety and professional excellence.

A list of activities provided at the end of the newsletter for members to look forward to.







Photograph: IFES Council at Batam Retreat



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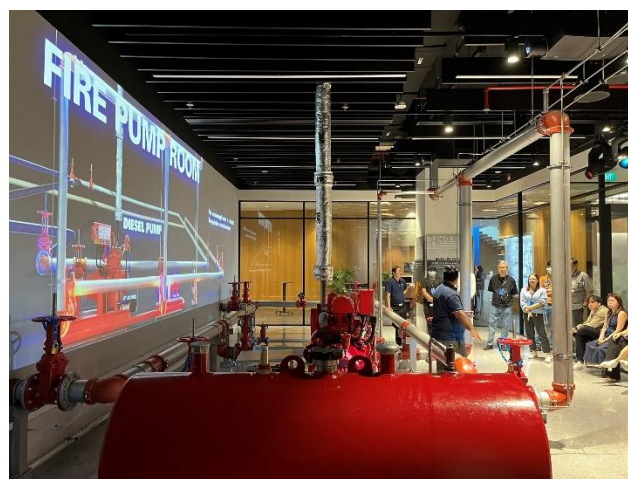
### FM Global Centre Open House

17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

A cohort of 20 IFES members joined the FM Global Center Open House at 288 Pasir Panjang Road. This two-day event was held on the 17th and 18th of January, featuring a series of 75-minute immersive experience through a series of interactive simulation labs and learning areas, including the Fire Pump Room Simulator, Sprinkler Lab, Risers Room, and the Natural Hazard Zone.

The focal point of the visit was the opportunity for participants to visualize pertinent risks and hazards, and identify solutions aimed at enhancing business resilience and continuity.

A heartfelt expression of gratitude is owed to the gracious hosts and trainers from FM Global, whose expertise and guidance enriched the experience - Mr Kai Foo Chan, Mr Chris Tan, Mr Niraj Patne, and Mr Julien Oliver.



Photograph: Attendees at the FM Global Open House at the various interactive simulation labs and learning areas



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### SOCIAL NIGHT @ NUSS CHILL LAB

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Sometimes there's an often-underestimated need for camaraderie and community. As part of this social bonding, the gathering at the NUSS Chill Lab provided a vital opportunity for networking, relaxation, and fostering a sense of community.

The Social Night hosted by the IFES brought together our members, from young aspiring engineers to seasoned veterans, to mingle and exchange ideas in a relaxed setting.



Photograph: Attendees at the Social Night

# EVENTS & NEWS

## 59<sup>th</sup> Run of Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers

26<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The 59<sup>th</sup> run of the servicing and maintenance of fire extinguishers was recently concluded. Congratulations to all participants who had successfully completed the course.

Photograph: Online attendees at 59<sup>th</sup> run of the servicing and maintenance of fire extinguishers



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS

IFES 50th Golden Jubilee Logo Design Competition

Closing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Institution Of Fire Engineers, Singapore (IFES) Workshop 2024

Workshop On Business Continuity and The Role of Fire Safety Practitioners - An Introduction to Code Approaches  
to Battery Fires and EV Charging Facilities Guidelines

31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Technical Visit to Civil Defence Academy's Calorimetry and Burn Lab

Social Night

Golden Jubilee Walkathon

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Overseas Technical Visit to UL Research Center in Taipei

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Fire Safety Engineers Workshop with Daniel Nilsson

15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

IFES Golden Jubilee Grand Members' Night

18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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### Institution Of Fire Engineers, Singapore (IFES) Seminar 2024

#### **Enhancing Fire Safety: Performance-Based Strategies and Fire Code Compliance in Buildings**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

This seminar aims to clarify current fire codes and regulations while providing attendees with the necessary knowledge and tools to formulate robust fire safety strategies. These strategies not only ensure compliance but also strengthen building resilience against fire hazards, emphasizing proactive measures and alignment with regulatory standards.

### Fire Asia 2024

#### **Collaboration and Technology - Better Prepare the Community for Emergency**

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

IFE Hong Kong branch is once again co-organising Fire Asia 2024 to explore the forefront of fire management and emergency preparedness across three transformative days at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Over the past three decades, Fire Asia has united global experts in fire engineering, paramedics, medical professionals, and emergency responders. At Fire Asia 2024, themed "Collaboration and Technology - Better Prepare the Community for Emergency," we look to gain invaluable insights into fire safety and groundbreaking research from eminent speakers worldwide.

This year's event will feature speeches by 29 locally and internationally renowned speakers, a technical visit to Hong Kong Palace Museum, networking dinner, gala dinner and more social networking platforms. Don't miss out, secure your ticket today.

Further details are available from their website: <https://www.fireasia2024.com/en/index.html>



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