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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

We enter 2021 on an upbeat note with Singapore recovering economically and the rollout of the covid-19 vaccination to the general population. Returning to the familiar in March timing, we had our 47th Annual General Meeting. It was an opportunity to catch up with our friends and colleagues (with proper social distancing), as part of the overall relaxation of restrictions for gatherings.

This marks a new Council year with new activities and events to look forward to!

Stay Safe.

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47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26th March 2021

On 26th March 2021, 50 members of IFE and invited guests gathered together for the 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Holiday Inn Orchard City Centre.

The AGM started with President Mr Christopher Tan 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.

As this year is not an election year, following the conclusion of the general AGM matters, there was the presentation of membership certificates to the new members to IFE. Mr Alexander Boo, Mr Chen Ming Liang and Mr Paul Lim Gim Seng were in attendance to receive their certificates.



Photograph: AGM in progress with IFES members observing social distancing



Photograph: New members receiving their certifications from President Mr Christopher Tan (clockwise - Mr Alexander Boo, Mr Chen Ming Liang and Mr Paul Lim Gim Seng)

Part of the evening's events was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Underwriters Laboratories (UL). UL is a global safety science organization, with deep involvement in standards development, research and outreach, as well as testing, inspection and certification and advisory services. A presentation on UL and their organizational setup was given by Mr Kolin Low, their Regional Standards Manager. This presentation was very well received.

President Mr Christopher Tan gave a short speech on significance of the MoU with UL. This was followed by some words from Mr Phil Piqueria, the UL Vice President, Global Standards via videoconference.

President signed the MoU on behalf of IFE Singapore, with our Vice President Mr Rama as the witness; and representing UL, Ms Wong Sok Mei, UL ASEAN/Australasian VP and Mr Kolin Low, Regional Standards Manager as witnesses.

The evening concluded with a sit-down dinner.



Photograph: Mr Kolin Low's presentation on UL (left); speech by President Mr Christopher Tan (right)



Photograph: Mr Phil Piqueria via videoconference



Photograph: IFE Singapore signing the MoU with UL

EVENTS & NEWS

Emergency Response Special Interest Group

We announce the Chair of the new Emergency Response Special Interest Group (SIG) - **Mr. Munusamy Kanagavelan** has been with Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) since 1995 in various Operational and Training appointments. He has responded to major incidents like the Nicoll Highway Collapse and SAFRA chlorine leak. During his tour of duty, he was also seconded to Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Academy as a training consultant for almost 3 years. He is currently the Head of Advance Fire-fighting & Ops Support Branch (AFFOSB) in CDA.

51st Run of Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers 25th January to 3rd February 2021

The 51st run of the servicing and maintenance of fire extinguishers was recently concluded in 3rd February 2021. Congratulation to all participants who successfully completed the course.



Photograph: Attendees at 51st run of the servicing and maintenance of fire extinguishers (practical session)

EVENTS & NEWS

Technical Visit

21st January 2021

On 21st January 2021, members of the Fire Investigators Special Interest Group (FI-SIG) visited Swee Huat Heng Engineering Pte Ltd who are the manufacturer of Aerogaz line of gas & electrical stoves.

Their visit was hosted by Mr Dickson Tan and Mr Eric Tan

During this visit, our members were able to appreciate typical gas stove failure modes that lead to fire and explosion, the design and safety features built into the products, and the methods of effectively finding gas leak. A fire extinguishing medium demonstration was also done.





Photograph: Snapshots of the Members attending the IFE Technical Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Seminar on Fire Protection for Lithium - Ion Battery Energy Storage System

6 May 2021, 10:30am to 12pm

ONLINE SEMINAR

Seminar Information

The seminar highlights the fire risks associated with lithium-ion battery energy storage system within a building and explains how appropriate fire protection systems can be adopted to mitigate these fire risks.

Target Audience

Fire Safety Engineers, Professional Engineers, Registered Architects, Fire Safety, Managers, Safety Officers, Officers from Relevant Government Agencies, Suppliers of Fire Products, Building Owners, Developers, Building Contractors, Facility Management and Maintenance Personnel etc.

Topic and Speaker Profile

The seminar will be conducted by Mr. Ashwit Dias from Siemens. Mr. Ashwit Dias holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA from INSEAD Business School. He began his career as an R&D Engineer with General Electric. He holds several international patents to his name and is also a Six Sigma Black Belt. Over the last 10 years, he has been with Siemens, and has worked with a wide range of engineering businesses ranging from Wind Energy to Transmission to Building Products. Particularly over the last 5 years he has been actively involved with the Siemens Fire Safety business in ASEAN, India and Korea.

Free for members of IFE (Singapore and Malaysia) and affiliated Partners (FSMAS and A-CERTS)

Registration via QR or Link <https://forms.gle/WV8ezdNiar2jWhDU9>



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

52nd Run of Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers

Commencement Date: 17 May 2021

The training course to obtain the certificate of competency covers introduction to fire extinguishers, types of fire extinguishers and their classification and ratings, overview of SS EN 3 – specification for extinguishers, and detailed study of SS 578 – selection, distribution, maintenance, recharging and hydro-testing (theory and practical).

Please contact Connie Ng at 63389274 or email: admin@ifes.org.sg for further details.

Happy Chinese New Year & Easter!



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