



# NEWSLETTER

**THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS (SINGAPORE BRANCH)**

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**MARCH-APRIL 2010**

## **36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

The Institution of Fire Engineers (Singapore Branch) had its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the Emerald Ballroom II, Park Royal Hotel.

Before the AGM proper, there were technical presentations on PSB listed Insulated Fabric Fire Shutter by M/S KA Fabric Fire Shutters Pte Ltd, and FSSD approved Water Monitor Devise by Mr Siew Yee Cheong.

Highlight of the agenda for the AGM was the election of new Management Council for the term 2010/12. Altogether 10 nominations were received for the available 9 seats in the management council. The nominees are:-

Mr Tan Jin Thong  
Mr Siew Yee Cheong  
Mr Azmi bin Adam  
Ms Yeow Mei Ling  
Mr Vincent Leong Kuan Yu  
Mr K Ramanathan  
Mr Koh Soon Chuang  
Mr Ivan Sin Siang Meng  
Mr Pandi Karupppiah  
Mr John Loh

The 9 nominees who were elected to serve in the Management Council 2010/2012 are:

Mr Tan Jin Thong  
Mr Siew Yee Cheong  
Mr Azmi bin Adam  
Ms Yeow Mei Leng  
Mr Vincent Leong Kuan Yu  
Mr K Ramanathan  
Mr Koh Soon Chuang  
Mr Ivan Sin Siang Meng  
Mr Pandi Karupppiah

Two internal auditors were also elected, namely, Mr Thia Kiem Lien and Mr Chai Wee Thong.

The AGM started with the Opening Address by the President which is reproduced below, followed by the usual approval of minutes, reports by committees and the financial statement of accounts ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009.

### **President's address: -**

Distinguished Guests, Fellow IFE Members, Ladies & Gentlemen

### **IFE (Singapore Branch) Council Members**

**President**

Tan Jin Thong PGP, BBM  
FIFireE, IAAI (USA)

**Vice President**

Siew Yee Cheong FIFireE

**Honorary Secretary**

Azmi b Adam FIFireE

**Honorary Treasurer**

Yeow Mei Leng FIFireE

**Members**

Vincent Leong Kuan Yu MIFireE

K Ramanathan GIFireE

Koh Soon Chuang MIFireE

Pandi Karupppiah FIFireE

A very good evening to all of you and thank you for taking your time off despite your busy schedule to attend our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Your presence here tonight shows your support and interest in the IFE Singapore and for which I am indeed grateful.

As usual I assure you that I am not going to deliver a lengthy speech but I will just highlight a couple of important initiatives that had taken place recently in the IFE in this region.

For IFE Singapore we have done very well during the past years in organizing workshops and courses with our partners like NFPA and NTUC Learning Hub and details of the events and activities were reflected in the Annual Report which I believe you have a copy.

As overseas branches of the IFE (UK), we are always concerned and mindful about any increase in membership subscription imposed by IFE (UK) and the 50% capitation fees on the subscription levied by the UK body. So far we have managed to prevent them from increasing the membership subscription and capitation fees but for how long I don't know.

Mr. Tay Hao Giang (Hon Sec) of IFEM and I have been advocating for years on the formation of an IFE of the Asia Pacific region so that we will have a strong voice at the yearly General Assembly Meeting and the Annual General Meeting to address all the concerns and problems faced by overseas branches.

This has finally materialized when 7 IFE Branch Presidents met at IFE APAC inaugural meeting in Zhuhai on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 followed by a technical workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in which I presented a paper on Fire and Arson Investigation.

For networking and interaction amongst members of the overseas branches, the IFE APAC golf tournament was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and IFE Singapore lost to IFE Hong Kong (Champion) by 3 stable ford Points on a system 36 format.

Hao Giang was the main driver behind this IFE APAC initiative and the 7 overseas branches that formed the IFE APAC included Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. The next IFE APAC meeting will be hosted by New Zealand IFE Branch.

IFE Singapore and the NFPA partnership in organizing technical workshop and course is on going and later this year in September we will be organizing another technical workshop on NFPA 101, NFPA 13 and NFPA 20.

Our membership strength as at February 2010 stands at 184 fully paid members. Our financial position still remains strong as you can see from the statement of account and this is attributed to the prudent spending by your management council and the ongoing effort of generating revenue through joint courses, workshop or seminars with our partners.

As this year is the election year for the IFE Management Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present council members for their untiring efforts and sacrifices despite their busy work commitments to serve in the council.

I would also like to say a "big thank you" to our dear Executive Secretary (Belinda) who has requested to step down after staying with us for more than 20 years as she wanted to spend more time with her family. Belinda is well known to our members and she also knows our members well.

Taking over her place is Ms *Ivy Teoh*, a young lady with a pleasant disposition and she is learning fast from Belinda. I am sure Belinda will always be ready to offer a helping hand to *Ivy* as and when the need arises.

Knowing Belinda well for more than 20 years (as she was my PA when I was the Director of Singapore Fire Service and Dy Comr of the SCDF), I can tell you that she still has her heart in IFE Singapore. I think she deserves a big round of applause from all of us.

It leaves me now to thank all of you for your support to IFE Singapore and I look forward to your continued support.

I would also like to thank K A Fabric Shutters Pte Ltd for sharing with us his talk earlier on

*PSB listed insulated fabric fire shutter* and the kind donation in support of tonight's function.

Thank You.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Management Council meeting held on 6 Apr 2010, the following office bearers have been appointed to serve you for the term 2010/12:

President	-	Mr Tan Jin Thong
Vice President	-	Mr Siew Yee Cheong
Honorary Secretary	-	Mr Azmi bin Adam
Honorary Treasurer	-	Ms Yeow Mei Ling
Members	-	Mr Koh Soon Chuang (Chairman, Education Committee)
Members	-	Mr Ivan Sin Siang Meng (Chairman, Member Committee)
Members	-	Mr K Ramanathan (Chairman, Social Committee)
Members	-	Mr Pandi Karupiah (Chairman, Examination Committee)
Members	-	Mr Vincent Leong (Chairman, Publications Committee & Webmaster)

## **COURSE ON SERVICING & MAINTENANCE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

The 16<sup>th</sup> run of the Course on Servicing & Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers will be held from 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be qualified to inspect, maintain and re-charge fire extinguishers. This course will be conducted by qualified personnel from IFE Singapore, and there will be an examination at the end of the course to qualify for certification.

The Course Contents are:

1. Introduction to fire extinguishers.
2. Types of fire extinguishers and their classification & ratings.
3. Overview of SS232 – Construction of fire extinguishers.
4. SS.CP.55 – Selection & distribution of fire extinguishers.
5. SS.CP.55 – Maintenance of fire extinguishers – theory & practical.
6. SS.CP.55 – Recharging of fire extinguishers – theory & practical.
7. SS.CP.55 – Hydrostatic testing of fire extinguishers – theory & practical.
8. Theory test and Practical test

Course commencement date : 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Duration: 6 evenings  
Theory & Practical Lessons: 6.30 – 9.30 pm  
Theory Examination: 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Venue: 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
National Safety Council of Singapore  
Tan Boon Liat Building #10-09A  
315 Outram Road  
Singapore 169074

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
32 Ang Mo Kio Industrial Park 2  
#07-06 Sing Industrial Complex  
Singapore 569510

Course fee: \$475.00 for IFE Member  
\$505.00 for Non-Member

Maximum Class Size: 20

Please fill up the application form on the last page of this newsletter and return it together with payment to the IFE Secretariat. As there are limited places, allocation will be on a first-come-first-served basis

## FSSD CIRCULARS

Our Ref: CD/FSSD/12/01/03/04

DID: 68481407

FAX: 68481493

21 Jan 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

### **PROVISION OF ADEQUATE COMMON AREAS FOR MEETING FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Recently, there is an increasing trend in the building industry towards reducing common areas for the purpose of creating more saleable spaces for new developments. Such practice may result in following non-compliance of fire safety requirements:

- a. no cross ventilation for fire fighting lobby in Purpose Group II single staircase developments;
- b. insufficient space for fire fighting lobby;
- c. inadequate separation distance between exit staircases; and,
- d. inadequate external space for ventilation of exit staircase and smoke stop lobby, etc.

(See Annex A for the diagrammatic illustrations)

2. SCDF would like to remind developers/qualified persons that they should not maximize saleable spaces at the expense of fire safety requirements. They should take into consideration the cost of complying with all fire safety requirements at the tendering and designing stage of their development projects.

3. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available in CORENET-e-Info: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

4. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact Maj Choh Choon Jin at tel. no. 68481454 or email address [Choh\\_Choon\\_Jin@scdf.gov.sg](mailto:Choh_Choon_Jin@scdf.gov.sg).

Yours faithfully,

(Transmitted via e-mail)

Poon Keng Soon  
Secretary, FSSD Standing Committee  
for Commissioner  
Singapore Civil Defence Force

\* Annex A of the above circular is available upon request. Please contact the secretariat at Tel No: 6338 9274 or e-mail [ifespore@singnet.com.sg](mailto:ifespore@singnet.com.sg).

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27 Feb 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

### **LIFT RESCUE PROVISIONS**

SCDF has received several waiver applications for the provision of emergency door for the rescue of trapped persons in lifts located within long blind hoist-way. SCDF has looked into alternatives for the emergency door requirements stipulated in SS CP2 for lift hoist-ways exceeding 11m.

2. The revised requirements (as attached herewith) for lift rescue has been presented to and accepted by the FSSD Standing Committee. Please note that the revised requirements can take immediate effect, so that QPs can adopt them without having to apply for waiver on the current requirements.
3. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available in CORENET-e-Info: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.
4. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact CPT Tan Chung Yee at tel. no. 68481410 or email address [Tan\\_Chung\\_Yee@scdf.gov.sg](mailto:Tan_Chung_Yee@scdf.gov.sg).

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12 Mar 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CLARIFICATION ON THE PROVISION OF EXIT AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS IN BUILDINGS**

Please refer to the FSSD's circular on "Provision of Exit and Directional Signs in Buildings" issued on 20 Jan 2010.

2 This is to clarify that the above-mentioned circular is only applicable to internally or externally illuminated exit and directional signs. It is not applicable to self-illuminated exit and directional signs powered by radioactive material.

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9 Apr 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SS 547:2009 – CODE OF PRACTICE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING QUARTERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES**

The SS 547:2009 – Code of Practice for Temporary Housing Quarters on Construction Sites, formerly CP 102, was approved by the SPRING's Building & Construction Standards Committee on 23 Jul 2009 and made available to the public in Sep 2009. This standard specifies the design, construction, installation and maintenance of temporary housing quarters on construction sites.

2. SCDF had briefed the FSSD Standing Committee on 5 Apr 2010 on the fire safety related changes in SS 547:2009. The Committee agreed that SS 547:2010 shall be applicable to all temporary structures/buildings constructed on construction sites on or after 1 Jul 2010.

3. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available in CORENET-e-Info: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

4. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact Mr Lee Wee Keong at tel. no. 68481445 or email address [LEE\\_Wee\\_Keong@scdf.gov.sg](mailto:LEE_Wee_Keong@scdf.gov.sg).

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

### **Fire Extinguisher Servicing & Maintenance Course 17<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010)**

The Institution of Fire Engineers  
Singapore Branch  
89 Short Street #02-15 Golden Wall Centre  
Singapore 188216

I am interested in enrolling for the Fire Extinguisher Servicing & Maintenance Course. Enclosed is my cheque \_\_\_\_\_ for the sum of **\$475.00**, made payable to "THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS".

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRIC/Fin No: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (HP) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax)  
Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For non-Singaporeans, a copy of the employment pass/work permit must be submitted with the application.

The President and Council Members wish all IFE Members

