



NEWSLETTER

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MAY-JUNE 2008

GOLF OUTING IN BATAM



Golfers' meeting at the First Tee Box

The Social Committee organized its first ever golf outing which attracted 10 enthusiastic golfers. The group spend one night in Batam, and played two games, one on Sunday

afternoon at Tering Bay (11May 2008) and the other on Monday morning (12 May 2008) at Palm Spring.

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Pandi Karuppiah FIFireE

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David Goh AFFireE

The weather was great on Sunday afternoon, i.e. no sun and slight breeze, and the course was relatively easy to play. After the game, the group went to paint the town on Sunday night, and ate at one of the open air "food court" which was said to be a reminiscence of the way of life in Singapore in the 1960s. After "makan", the group (including the lady golfers) went for a full body massage to ease off the tension of the earlier game, and to prepare to "kill" for the next day's game. It was a solid two hours slow luxurious rub, and was certainly worth the amount of money each had to pay.

Next morning, the group set out early to catch "the early bird", and to avoid the sun. The course is very beautiful though undulating, and was tougher than Tering Bay. The hot sun came out early, but the spirits of the golfers remained high & light.

From the feedback, everyone had a good time and the camaraderie was great. The President enjoyed himself thoroughly and said that " we should do this more often". So be on a look out for more golfing news.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A series of activities had been planned for the next few months before year end. Please inform the Secretariat of your interest to participate in any one of the forthcoming events and looking forward to your support.

June 16 Members' Nite

July 14-22	Fire Extinguishers Course
Aug 2 & 3	Desaru Fruit Farm
Oct 26-29	Beijing Fire China
Nov 3-4	Course on NFPA 101
Nov 5-6	Course on NFPA 13
Nov 7	Course on NFPA 20
Dec	Golfing Trip

DESARU FRUIT FARM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Another interesting social activity which is going to happen on 2nd & 3rd August 2008 is a 2-days 1 night educational tour to Desaru. Members are encouraged to bring their family members, in particular the children.

The mode of transportation to Malaysia will be by ferry and the meeting point will be at Changi Ferry Terminal. The itinerary is as follows: -

Day One

09.15 am Arrived in Changi Ferry Terminal
10.00 am Depart to Tanjung Belungkok by 200 seated air-con ferry
10.30 am Arrived in Tanjung Belungkor for the Malaysia custom and immigration formalities. Desaru Fruit Farm staff will greet you and transfer you to the farm.

11.00 am At Desaru Fruit Farm Touring the 180 acres tropical fruit land begins here. Learn about the following: GAP – Good Agriculture Practice, IPM – Integrated Pest Management. Collect Information in the Agriculture Gallery, Herbal and Vegetable Garden, Mushroom House. Education Talk on Bee Keeping Management.
12.30 noon Outdoor Lunch & Tropical Fruit Fiesta
02.30 pm You will be transferred and checked into selected beach resort in Desaru.
Free and Easy
05.00 pm Transfer to Sg Rengit Township for your seafood dinner.
07.00 pm Proceed to Sg Lebam to enjoy the rare and fascinating sight of thousand of nocturnal fireflies

flashing their light to attract mates.
Look out for "Southern Cross" –
weather permit.
09.30 pm Stop at Hentian Penawar for your
"the tarik" or grab some snacks on
pax account.
10.30 am Goodnite sweet dream

Day Two

07.30 am Breakfast in Hotel
11.00 am Check out from Hotel and proceed
to Tg Balau Fishermen's Museum
and geology gallery/optional
12.00 noon Lunch in Desaru Fruit Farm.

02.00 pm Land transfer to Tanjung
Belungkor Ferry Terminal
03.00 pm Depart to Changi Ferry Terminal

Fee is \$200.00 per adult and \$170 per child
under 12 years of age. Kindly fill up the form
on Page 4 and return it together with your
cheque made payable to The Institution of Fire
Engineers.

For those who are keen to play golf on
Sunday, please indicate your interest, and we
will try to arrange for one game in Desaru if
there are sufficient players.

MEMBERS' NITE

The IFE International President, Mr Charles
Chu will be visiting the Singapore Branch. To
honor his visit, the Institution is planning to
hold a Members' Nite on Monday, 16 June
2008 at the NUSS Guild House at Suntec City.

There will be a presentation by Ademco (Far
East) Pte Ltd on Fire DECAM Monitoring and
Ademco's AES Intelligent Network and a
display on their latest DECAM products.

Cost of dinner will be partly subsidized by our
sponsor M/s Ademco (FE) Pte Ltd. As such,
members need only to pay \$15.00 each and
non-member will be charged \$60.00.

Please fill in the form on page 8 and return it
with your cheque made payable to The
Institution of Fire Engineers.

COURSE ON SERVICING & MAINTENANCE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The 7th run of the Course on Servicing &
Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers will be
held from 14th – 22nd July 2008 jointly with
NTUC LearningHub Pte Ltd.

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 : 14th July 2008

Duration: 6 evenings 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: 14th, 15th & 21st July 2008
(Theory) Centre for Employability Scheme
NTUC Learning Hub
141 Redhill Road (158828)
Singapore 158828
(Practical) 17th, 18th & 22nd July 2008
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 Pg 7 and return it together with payment to the IFE Secretariat. As there will be limited places, allocation will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

CHINA FIRE 2008 - 26-29 OCTOBER 2008

IFE is planning a trip to Beijing to attend China Fire 2008. The proposed itinerary is as follows: -

- 26 Oct, Sunday - SIN/PEK (Beijing) departing Singapore in the morning either by SQ or CA
- 27 Oct, Monday - Beijing Free and Easy
- 28 Oct, Tuesday - Visit China Fire
- 29 Oct, Wednesday-PEK/SIN departing Beijing in the afternoon or mid night.

The group will be staying in Yong An Hotel for 3 nights.

For group tickets, both the date of outbound and return flights could not be changed.

The estimated cost is around S\$1,300.00 inclusive of air ticket, local transport and hotel accommodation for 3 nights.

Members who are interested in visiting the Exhibition, please complete the form below and return it to the IFE Secretariat.

Reply Slip

DESARU FRUIT FARM EDUCATIONAL TOUR
VISIT TO CHINA FIRE 2008 IN BEIJING FROM 26-29 OCT 2008

The Institution of Fire Engineers
Fax: 65355188

Date: _____

I am interested in (Please tick)

- Desaru Fruit Farm Educational Tour Fee - \$200 per adult \$170.00 for child
- Attending China Fire 2008 from 26-29 Oct 2008

Name: _____ Membership No: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of Expiry: _____

Citizenship: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ (H) _____ (O) _____ (HP)

Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

Enclosed is a cheque no. _____ for the sum of \$ _____ made payable to "The Institution of Fire Engineers" for _____ adult(s) and _____ (child/children).

FSSD CIRCULARS

CD/FSSD/12/01/03/04

DID: 68481407
FAX: 68481493

06 May 2008

Dear Sirs

MOUNTING OF FIRE DAMPER ON DRY WALL

Fire dampers are commonly tested with masonry wall. Members of the FSSD Standing Committee have raised concern on whether mounting of fire damper on dry wall can be accepted without the need for another fire test.

2 The issue was discussed in the FSSD Standing Committee meeting on 10 Mar 08. The committee has agreed that fire test is required to be conducted for fire damper mounted on dry wall. Subsequently, the use of the tested fire damper on other dry board systems can be accepted via assessment report instead of conducting separate fire tests. All fire dampers shall be supported by the building structure.

3 This circular shall take immediate effect. 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.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

Yours faithfully

(Transmitted via e-mail)

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

Our Ref: CD/FSSD/12/01/04/04/02

DID: 68481407

FAX: 68481493

23 May 2008

Dear Sirs/Madam,

INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION AS FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERS (FSEs)

SCDF has commenced its 5th FSE registration exercise and is pleased to invite applicants for registration as FSEs. The closing date for the application for FSE registration is on 15 July 2008.

2. The registration criteria for application are as follows:
 - (a) Possess at least a degree (Bachelor or Masters) qualifications in the field of fire safety engineering;
 - (b) Have at least 5 continuous years of relevant practical experience in fire safety design;
 - (c) Must have maintained a clean record and must not have been found guilty of an offence under the Fire Safety Act, Professional Engineers Act or Architects Act; and
 - (d) Successful interview with the Fire Safety Engineer Selection Panel.
(Interviews for registration will commence in Aug 2008. Applicants will be notified of the interview date and time)

3. Applicants who wish to register as a Fire Safety Engineer shall submit the following to the Fire Safety Engineer Selection Panel:-
 - (a) the application form prescribed by SCDF (downloadable at the following website address,
http://www.scdf.gov.sg/Building_Professionals/downloads.html#RI or can be obtained at 1st storey SCDF HQ reception desk);
 - (b) certified true copies of documentary evidence of the applicant's qualifications and practical experience, if any;
 - (c) recent testimonials from 2 referees as to his good character; and
 - (d) a letter of undertaking by the applicant, stating as at the date of the said letter-
 - (i) whether disciplinary or criminal proceedings are pending or contemplated against the applicant; and
 - (ii) whether the applicant's professional conduct is or has been under investigation; and
 - (iii) whether the applicant has any previous disciplinary or criminal records.

4. 4 sets of the above supporting documents are to be submitted, together with a non-refundable application fee of S\$250 made payable to Commissioner SCDF directly to:

The Secretariat
Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel
c/o Fire Safety Consultation Branch
Fire Safety & Shelter Department, HQ SCDF
91 Ubi Avenue 4
Singapore 408827

5. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board.

6. For more information on the FSE registration details or the performance-based regulatory system, you may visit the following website,

[http://www.scdf.gov.sg/Building Professionals/Fire Safety Plan Approval/performance/introduction.html](http://www.scdf.gov.sg/Building_Professionals/Fire_Safety_Plan_Approval/performance/introduction.html) or contact Mr Heng Chai Liang at tel. 68481452 or e-mail address: heng_chai_liang@scdf.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully,
(Transmitted thru' e-mail)
Poon Keng Soon
Secretary, FSSD Standing Committee
for Commissioner
Singapore Civil Defence Force

REGISTRATION FORM

Fire Extinguisher Servicing & Maintenance Course 14th – 22nd July 2008 (6.30 pm – 9.30 pm) (Closing Date: 9th July 2008)

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: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

NRIC/Passport 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.

MEMBERS' NITE – 16TH JUNE 2008
REPLY SLIP
(By 9th June 2008)

The Secretariat
The Institution of Fire Engineers
1 Park Road
#04-42 People's Park Complex
Singapore 059108
Fax: 65355188

Date: _____

MEMBERS' NITE

I will be attending the get-together at the National University of Singapore Society at The Suntec City Guild House (The Guild) on Monday, 16th June 2008 at 7.00 pm followed by a western dinner.

I will bring along _____ guests. Enclosed is my cheque _____ for the sum of \$ _____ made payable to "THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS".

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

Tel No: _____ (O) _____ (HP) _____ (Fax)

Membership No: _____ E-mail address: _____

Member - \$15.00
Non-Member - \$60.00