



NEWSLETTER

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IFE VISIT TO IFE MALAYSIA 12-14 JUNE 2009



Speech by Mr Wong See Foong, President, IFE Malaysia



Presentation of Memento



Speech by Mr Tan Jin Thong, President, IFE Singapore



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At the invitation of the outgoing President of IFE Malaysia, Mr Wong See Foong, our President and his Council paid a visit to our counterparts in Malaysia. We exchanged ideas and updated each other of what each branch had been doing, discussed our future plans and the way forward for the IFE, possible collaboration on joint activities, and to foster better rapport amongst the branches in the South Pacific & Asia region. Both sides also exchanged momentos.

We learned that IFE Malaysia has been actively engaged with the Bomba Fire Service, and one thing worth mentioning is that they had helped produce Fire Handbook/Guide on

their Fire Code. The proceeds of the Handbook helped fund the IFE activities.

We were overwhelmed by the warmth and hospitality of our Malaysian counterparts, and this rapport had been established through the numerous reciprocal visits between the 2 branches previously. We believe that frequent visits in years to come can bring the two branches even closer. With the success of Malaysia and Singapore, we hope to establish the same rapport with other branches like Hong Kong & Thailand.

Our visit ended with a friendly golf match arranged by our host, and played on Saujana Golf & Country Club in Kuala Lumpur.

NFPA WORKSHOP

IFE is planning 2 workshops during the week of 29 Sep 2009 at Suntec City Convention Hall. There will be a 2 day workshop on NFPA 72 - National Fire Alarm Code, followed by one and half day workshop on NPFA 130 – Standard on Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems. The

trainer will be Mr William E Koffel, President, Koffel Associates and Authorized Trainer of National Fire Protection Association, USA. Please mark the dates in your calendar and avail yourself to these workshops. More details will be released at later date.

CHINA FIRE

China Fire 2009 – The thirteenth International Fire Equipment Technology Conference and Exhibition will be held from 16-19 October 2009 in Beijing. China Fire Protection Association had invited IFE Singapore to participate in this event, and IFE will be

planning to form a delegation if there are sufficient interested members. Please do indicate your interest by filling the form on page 12 and fax it to 63366175 or e-mail to: ifespore@singnet.com.sg

FSSD CIRCULARS

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05 May 2009

Dear Sir/Mdm

CHECKLISTS FOR SUBMISSIONS OF NEW AND ADDITION/ALTERATION FIRE SAFETY WORKS

It was brought to the attention of SCDF during the FSSD Standing Committee meeting in Nov 08 that some Qualified Persons did not show adequate details in their fire safety plans submitted to SCDF for approval. As a result, Registered Inspectors sometime have difficulty in conducting their checks due to the lack of information on the approved fire safety plans.

2. In view of the above, SCDF has devised two checklists for the necessary and useful details to be shown on the fire safety plans for submission to SCDF, for the ease of reference and checking by Qualified Persons.

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.

Yours faithfully,

(transmitted via e-mail)
Poon Keng Soon
Secretary, FSSD Standing Committee
for Commissioner
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The checklists will be available upon request

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05 May 2009

Dear Sir/Mdm

PROVISION OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF APPROVED FIRE SAFETY PLANS TO APPOINTED REGISTERED INSPECTOR

Some members of the FSSD Standing Committee had reflected in the meeting on 16 Mar 08 that some Registered Inspectors encountered difficulty in ascertaining whether fire safety works constructed/installed on sites are in accordance with the approved plans as the plans they obtained from the QPs did not indicated whether they were approved by SCDF.

2. In view of the above, all QPs are advised to provide certified true copy of approved fire safety plans to the Registered Inspectors upon request in order to facilitate their inspection of fire safety works constructed/installed on site.

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.

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07 May 2009

Dear Sir/Mdm

INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION AS FIRE SAFETY ENGINEER (FSE)

SCDF has commenced its 6th 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 2009.

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 Engineers Selection Panel. (Interviews for registration will commence in Aug 2009. 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 Engineers 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. The circular is also available in CORENET-e-Info: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

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 or contact Mr Heng Chai Liang at tel. 68481452 or e-mail address: heng_chai_liang@scdf.gov.sg.

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08 May 2009

Dear Sirs/Madam,

LIST OF FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Arising from requests made by qualified persons (QPs) and fire safety engineers (FSEs), SCDF has made available a list of projects, involving performance-based fire safety engineering designs, in the SCDF website address,

“http://www.scdf.gov.sg/Building_Professionals/Fire_Safety_Plan_Approval/performance/list_of_projects_involving_PB_fire_safety_design.html”. This is to facilitate the relevant parties i.e. the building owner/developer/building management/QP/FSE in identifying such buildings (e.g. when carrying out addition and alteration (A/A) works).

2. Please note that this list is only updated periodically and SCDF will not be held accountable for any performance-based projects that are not contained in the list. The responsibility of identifying a building with performance-based fire safety design still rests with the building owner/developer/building management and the QP when undertaking any A/A works.

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 enquiry or clarification, please contact Mr Heng Chai Liang at DID 68481452 or Maj Chong Kim Yuan at DID 68481476.

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12 May 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

INFORMATION ABOUT FIRE SAFETY ENGINEER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PLANS OF FIRE SAFETY WORKS INVOLVING FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERING DESIGN

Currently, a Fire Safety Engineer (FSE) is required to submit a declaration form, together with the fire safety engineering plans, to declare that the fire safety engineering solution satisfies the fire performance requirements of the Fire Code. With the submission of the declaration form, it is not mandatory for the FSE to make a similar declaration on the plans. Nevertheless, many FSEs still do so.

2. It was brought to SCDF's attention during the FSSD Standing Committee meeting in March 2009 that in instances where FSEs do not make a similar declaration on the plans, Registered Inspectors and other parties involved in doing subsequent alteration & addition works may not be aware that fire safety engineering solution is involved in the project. Therefore, in order to facilitate identification of plans involving fire safety engineering solution, the QP shall prominently indicate the FSE's name and contact details on the plans. Declaration on the plan by the FSE is not mandatory since he/she would have already submitted the declaration form.

3. This circular shall take immediate effect.

4. We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to your members. The circular is also available for viewing in CORENET-einfo:<http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo> and SCDF internet website – <http://www.scdf.gov.sg>.

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22 May 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

REGISTRATION OF REGISTERED INSPECTOR (RI) FOR PROJECT IN CORENET SYSTEM APPLICATION

It is observed that some Qualified Persons (QPs) do not adopt the practice of registering the RIs of the project in the CORENET system as project members when applying for TFP/FSC (Temporary Fire Permit / Fire Safety Certificate). As such, RIs are not able to receive the notification of the TFP/FSC application.

2 This circular serves to urge QPs to register the RIs into the CORENET system by incorporating RIs' particulars/profile as shown in Annex A enclosed. In doing so, the RIs concerned would be kept in the loop early on TFP/FSC applications made by QPs, as well as access any correspondences, changes or amendments and subsequently be notified of the outcome of such applications. Such good practice will allow RIs to make timely clarifications with either QPs or SCDF where required. In addition, it serves to prevent any misrepresentation and misuse of the self-regulation scheme.

3 With effect from 1 June 2009, all QPs must henceforth register the RIs as project members for their projects in the CORENET when making TFP/FSC applications. The TFP/FSC applications will be rejected by SCDF if this practice is not adhered to.

4. We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to your members. The circular is also available for viewing in CORENET-einfo:<http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo> and SCDF internet website – <http://www.scdf.gov.sg>.

5. For enquiry or clarification, please contact Cpt Ang Oon Chye at DID 68481420

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Annex A is available upon request.

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22 May 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

STANDARD FOR FIRE SAFETY IN RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (2009 EDITION)

The Review Committee of the Standard for Fire Safety in Rapid Transit Systems has recently completed the review of the Standard. Members of the FSSD Standing Committee requested SCDF in the last Committee meeting to release the revised Standard as soon as possible.

2. The 4th edition of the Standard for Fire Safety in Rapid Transit Systems (2009 edition) is now released for implementation with effect from 1st June 2009. Proposed fire safety works for new rapid transit lines and addition/alteration works shall comply with this new edition of the Standard.
3. The Standard for Fire Safety in Rapid Transit Systems (2009 edition) is available in our web-site address: <http://www.scdf.gov.sg>.
4. 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>.
5. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact MAJ Lim Lam Kwang at tel. no. 68481457 or email address Lim_Lam_Kwang@scdf.gov.sg.

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19 June 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

CLOSURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON SATURDAYS

With effect from 1 July 2009, the Customer Service Centre at HQ Singapore Civil Defence Force at 91 Ubi Avenue 4 shall cease operation on Saturdays.

2. We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to your members. The circular is also available for viewing in CORENET-einfo:<http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo> and SCDF internet website – <http://www.scdf.gov.sg>.

3. For enquiry or clarification, please contact Ms Patricia Teo at DID 68481728.

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VISIT TO CHINA FIRE IN BEIJING 16-19 OCTOBER 2009

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Singapore 188216

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I am interested in attending Fire China 2009

Name _____ Membership No: _____

Passport Number: _____ Date of Expiry: _____

Citizenship: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

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

Fax: _____ E-mail Address: _____