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Broadening and Deepening Our Design Thinking

In Conversation With Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat
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This is the fifth in a series of conversations to "Broaden and deepen our design thinking." This session will be with a special guest speaker, Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat who will converse with Prof Tay Kheng Soon, followed by a Q&A session, about the early days of this architecture school while it was in the Singapore Polytechnic at Prince Edward Road in the early 60's. He will also reflect on the architecture scene in those early days, his role in HDB and in SIA.

His work was highly regarded by government and he was consulted on many issues regarding Singapore's urban planning. This session will be on Thursday, 29th March 2018 at 6pm to 8pm at LR423. Some of the early architecture graduates from Poly will be present as well.

About the Speaker

Datuk Seri was the third President of the SIA, and is a Gold Medalist of both PAM and SIA. In 1949, Chong Keat was in the pioneer batch at the University of Malaya in Singapore studying science on a Federal Scholarship, contemporary of Wang Gungwu. He graduated from the University of Manchester, and MIT, and was acquainted with Walter Gropius and the Bauhaus, and also Gyorgy Kepes of MIT.

He has also served on the boards of the Housing and Development Board, the National Museum Singapore, the National Art Gallery KL, and the Penang State Museum & Art Gallery. He was the architect for the Ibrahim Hussein Museum in Langkawi, and also of the artist’s house in KL. The Singapore Conference Hall and Trade Union House and the Jurong Town Hall are among his most noted designs in Singapore.

He was the founder chairman of Arcasia, and has also served as Chairman of the CAA Board of Architectural Education. He was tutor to the first batch of locally trained Architecture Graduates from the Singapore Polytechnic school of Building and Architecture which is the predecessor to the NUS Architecture School.