

Resume Tan Cheng Siong



Mr. Tan Cheng Siong is a pioneer architect of Singapore, He graduated in 1964 and received his Master of Architecture from the University of Singapore in 1972.

Among his many achievements he was awarded the following:

- a. The Distinguished Alumni Award, NUS (1999)
- b. The President's Design Award, Designer of the Year (2012)
- c. The SIA Gold Medal Award, (2013)
- d. SIA Pioneer Architect Award, (2015)
- e. Singapore Design Golden Jubilee Award, (2015)

Mr Tan Cheng Siong is a serial trailblazer in Singapore's architecture and urban planning landscape over the last 40 years, as well as Singapore's idealist thinker on the future of liveable housing environments under the exigencies of diminishing land holdings and rising expectations about the quality of life.

He designed Singapore's first super high-rise housing, the iconic Pearl Bank Apartments, as well as the first condominium, Pandan Valley. He oversaw the design of the Development Guide Plans for Jurong East in 1991 and Pasir Ris in 1997.

His practice has put together more diverse and groundbreaking concepts in condominium design. Serving as an Advisory Member to the Planning Committee of Shenzhen since 1986; he had been instrumental in introducing the concept of condominium housing to China in the mid-90s and continues to design pioneering landmarks in many cities in China. For his contributions in China, he was honoured with the title, "Father of Luxury Housing".

In area of Academia, he was an External Tutor, then an Adjunct Professor and External Examiner to the School of Design & Environment, Dept. of Architecture - National University of Singapore. He has shared his knowledge and rich experience through many lectures, talks and papers on topics related to urban planning, architecture and the building industry, which involvement had enabled him to contribute towards imparting his experience to the next generations of architects and planners.

Over the years, his firm has won many design competitions and received many accolades both in Singapore and China.

In recent years, he promoted Skyland, championed Voluntary Conservation, suggested plans to revitalize Kallang River and transformation of Singapore's existing waterways into "River Front Settlements".

Now over 80 years of age, his energy and passion for architecture and urban planning remains youthful and vigorous. His unwavering pursuit of excellence makes him a role model for younger generations.

Despite his age, Mr. Tan is eager to learn new technologies and hence his interest in floating structures.