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Dr Ho Nyok Yong

SCAL Honorary President/Immediate Past President

SCAL would like thank Dr Ho Nyok Yong for having served the Association and her members the past four years as SCAL President. In his two terms, Dr Ho has led the Association to scale greater height by bridging the gap between industry and the Government, establishing a greater public awareness of SCAL corporate and social events, and lending his full support in terms of social representation or technical consultation at every event he attends. Dr Ho is definitely most fondly remembered as one of the most passionate and vivacious SCAL President, towing the line of balancing industry and upstead expectations despite his commitment as Chief Operating Officer of the Sawmwoh Group of Companies.

He first joined SCAL as a Council Member in 1991 and participated diligently in several committees. As SCAL President, he was also the spokesperson for the industry and Association and championed for members whenever the opportunity arose. Under his guidance, SCAL initiated several key discussion sessions with the relevant Government agencies and ministries to resolves issues affecting the built environment industry. For years, SCAL has been campaigning for alternative upgrading routes for lower-skilled workers apart from the CoreTrade test. In 2014, Budget announced a new scheme for a Market-based framework which allows for eligible R2 workers to upgrade to R1 workers without doing the CoreTrade test.

This is an indication of SCAL's increasing recognition among the ministries and agencies as a relevant and reliable source of consultation to understand the industry's concerns and feedback. As such, SCAL has had the opportunity to increase the frequency of organising dialogue sessions for members to clarify their queries on pending policies and new regulations. During such sessions, Dr Ho has made every effort to moderate the Question and Answer with senior management staff from the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to lend encouragement to members and officials alike.

With this growing momentum, SCAL has secured and established a public presence with the Media to highlight technical issues pertaining to the industry and social events SCAL had organised.

Annual events such as the SCAL Construction Safety, Health and Security and national exercises such as Safety Time-Out have earned positive media coverage, reinforcing the progressive image of SCAL. Even in tumultuous events such as the Haze in 2013 and the Little India Riots, Dr Ho fronted the

media frenzy and portrayed the industry as one that is helpful and caring towards workers and employees.

Capitalising on our good public image, SCAL formalised a working committee in 2014 to cater to more corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects under the suggestion of Dr Ho. To-date, SCAL has raised more than \$400,000 in deed and donations to various charity causes with the strong support from Council Members and members of the Association.

Dr Ho leads by example and has served SCAL to his ability best without compromise. His astute guidance comes from a 30 year-old background steeped in diversified experience in civil & environmental engineering, construction management, design & consultancy, business development, materials research and academic works.

His passion and dedication to the industry is pronounced in his personality and management skills and is always fondly referred to as Doc; providing remedy and solutions to anyone who approaches him with problems. Dr Ho holds a PhD degree in civil engineering from the University of Dundee in Scotland and is a registered Professional Engineer of Singapore and Malaysia and a Chartered structural Engineer of United Kingdom.

As an ardent green-campaigner of the industry, he advocates sustainable construction and carries out many innovative R&D works. He is the principal investigator of several practical research projects partially funded by various government agencies. He has authored or co-authored over 50 technical papers and speaks regularly at conference and seminars.

He is also a board member of various institutions, technical committee member of many construction standards, and sits on several advisory panels of different higher institutions. He has previously held positions as Chairman of Construction Industry Joint committee and President of the Singapore Concrete Institute.

In his career, he has received many awards in recognition of his meritorious contributions such as the distinguished BCA-SGBC Green Innovator Individual Award of the year 2011 for his breakthrough achievements in green building product and technology innovation.

SCAL would like to thank Dr Ho for his contribution to the Association and industry and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Dr Ho Nyok Yong

President
2011 – 2015

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A Dignified Host



A Supportive Leader



An Entertainer