



The Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) has been actively championing the global green building movement. In recent months, we have held three landmark events and initiated several programmes to further the awareness and adoption of green building design and practices in Singapore.

SGBC has recently hosted the Inaugural SGBC Building Conference and the World GBC International Congress 2010 with the theme of ‘Sustainable Solutions for Emerging Markets’. The World GBC International Congress is an annual forum for representatives from the different Green Building Councils around the world to meet and discuss objectives, policies and development strategies. This event brings together influential stakeholders from various related industries and international sustainable development experts.



Guests and participants of the SGBC Green Building Conference and World GBC International Congress 2010



(From left) Mr Paul Beh, President, Asia Pacific Reed Exhibition, Mr Lee Chuan Seng, President, SGBC, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Mr Tony Arnel, Chairman of WGBC, at the opening ceremony for the 3 day event.



(From left) Mr Lee Chuan Seng, President, SGBC, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Tony Arnel, Chairman of WGBC and Mr Paul Beh, President, Asia Pacific Reed Exhibition, at the opening ceremony for Bex Asia 2010.

The SGBC Green Building Conference and World GBC International Congress welcomed 55 international speakers and were well attended by close to 700 participants. The opening ceremony of the SGBC Green Building Conference, World Green Building Congress and BEX Asia Expo, was witnessed by almost 600 distinguished guests. The opening ceremony was followed by a full-house Leadership Lecture Series, jointly organised by BCA Academy and Autodesk. A parallel closed-door session of the World GBC congress was also well attended by representatives from closed to 40 nations.

The first day of the 3 day event ended with a Networking Reception for 600 guests held at the breathtaking Marina Bay Sands SkyPark. The Networking Reception was graced by, Ms Grace Fu, the Senior Minister of State for National Development.



Networking Reception at Marina Bay Sands SkyPark

The second day of the World GBC International Congress Open Door session was again well attended by close to 400 participants where they gain valuable insights from international renowned speakers.

The Council hosted its first year Anniversary Dinner, graced by Guest-of-Honour, Dr Mohammad Maliki, Parliamentary Secretary for National Development, at the Marina Bay Sands Grand Ballroom and was attended by close to 640 guests and members of the Council.



(From left) Launch of the Singapore Green Building Product Certification Scheme by Mr Lee Chuan Seng, President, SGBC; Dr Maliki, Parliamentary Secretary for National Development and Mr Tony Arnel, Chairman of WGBC.



Guests attending the 1st Anniversary Dinner held at Marina Bay Sands Grand Ballroom



Participants at the SGBC Green Building Conference

The SGBC Green Building Conference on the third day saw international, regional and local speakers sharing on wide ranging topics covering super-energy efficient buildings, cutting edge technologies and designs, financing, green construction and retrofitting of existing buildings. In parallel were three important back to back meeting: Singapore Institute of Architect Round Table Discussion, the World GBC Asia Pacific Meeting and the Preparatory Meeting for Tropical/Sub-Tropical Alliance Symposium.

In conjunction with these events was the Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia Exhibition. The exhibition showcased Eco-friendly, sustainable and energy-saving products and services. The exhibition attracted more than 7,000 visitors and 1,200 exhibiting personnel.

SGBC Green Building Product Certification Scheme



The SGBC Green Building Product Certification Scheme was launched 14 Sept during the SGBC 1st Anniversary Dinner. The Scheme was launched by Dr Maliki, Parliamentary Secretary for National Development

Singapore Green Building Product Certification scheme is one of SGBC key initiatives to support the building industry in the drive towards sustainability and environment friendly built environment. The scheme is the 1st dedicated green building product certification scheme to support the building industry and BCA's Green Mark scheme.



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim at the SGBC Product Certification Booth in Bex Asia 2010

The scheme was formulated to assess the level of environmental friendliness of the building products in areas of safety, health, performance efficiency and environmental protection in 8 main product categories: mechanical, electrical, facade and envelope, concrete and structures, interior systems, interior finishes, renewable energy and recycled and sustainable materials.



The criteria for the assessment were formulated by close to 100 building professionals, academia, testing institutes and manufacturers. The scheme provides an excellent listing of robustly assessed and certified green building products for consumers, building industry stakeholders and government procurement system.