

GREEN VISIONARY AWARD

Professor Tai Lee Siang started his career as an urban designer with the Urban Redevelopment Authority in 1990. He was a partner with DP Architects from 1992 to 2010 and Group Managing Director with ONG&ONG Group from 2010 to 2016. His key projects won both local and international awards and were featured in a URA exhibition "20 under 45" in March 2004. He held the position of President of Singapore Institute of Architects from 2007 to 2009 and consolidated the institute's "Blue Print" to establish numerous firsts.

On the Design front, he led the inauguration of ARCHIFEST - a festival that promotes architecture excellence among the professionals and general public. He then pioneered the first Practice Convention 2009 - a strategic forum to address practice concerns of Singapore architects. In the same year, Prof Tai also initiated the establishment of the Architecture Professional Course that prepared young graduates to sit for the Professional Practice Examination. In 2010, Prof Tai chaired the formation of DesignS - an alliance comprising 8 Design-centric Associations to promote Singapore Design Brands.

On the sustainability front, Prof Tai was appointed as Chairman of REACH, Environmental Sustainability Committee in 2008 - a committee set up to provide feedback to the Inter-Ministry Committee on Sustainability Development. Prof Tai formed the SIA Green Committee, leading to the first collaboration on the green product exhibition with BEX Asia 2009 and International Green Building Convention with the Building Construction Authority of Singapore (BCA). He also served as the 2nd President of the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) from 2011-2013 and was elected as the first Asian chair of the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) Board of Directors from 2016-2018.

Prior to joining SUTD, Prof Tai was Executive Director/Communications & Engagement (C&E) at BCA where he oversaw the BuildSG cluster to transform the construction industry in workforce capabilities, partnership and collaboration as well as internationalisation.



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