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	<p>SONNY CHIONH 2nd Vice President <i>Singapore Green Building Council</i></p> <p>Co-Char (Sustainability) <i>Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)</i></p>
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Sonny Chionh has more than 26 years of architectural project experience in the design, coordination and implementation of large and medium sized projects. His diversified portfolio covers education, healthcare, infrastructure, residential, sports & recreation, hospitality, offices and retail projects. Sonny has led several notable award-winning projects such as Westgate, Funan, Holiday Inn Express Clark Quay, Grand Park City Hall A&A, building up a wealth of experience and knowledge. In his formative years and in recent years, he was involved in developing local public schools leading to an in-depth understanding of the education landscape and its varied requirements. Sonny has also built up a commendable track record of commercial malls A&A, such as Great World City, City Square Mall & West Mall, understanding the ever-changing dynamics of tenancy & leasing needs while having to balance and meet updated statutory requirements and construction implementation demands. Besides his core role, Sonny is also part of the Quality & Environmental team within RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd, focusing on managing ISO processes and developing necessary initiatives to improve quality and environmental approaches.

Sonny participates in building industry committees and task forces, namely the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) Sustainability Committee and representing SIA in the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) as a Board member. He is also involved in a number of working committees in SGBC. In these participations, he contributes with his technical knowledge that were built up through his industry experiences. Sonny has also been invited to a few talks and lectures in industry courses to share on topics of Universal Design and Sustainability.

Highly aware of the impact that the built environment can cause, Sonny is concerned in the areas of energy consumption and embodied energy, huge drivers of carbon emissions. He is keen in reducing energy guzzlers, advocating the use of passive design while pushing the use of clean energy. Where possible, he encourages the reuse of existing building structures to reduce unnecessary creation of embodied energy and to have options that encompass a balanced and sustainable approach. With the steady build-up of awareness in carbon emissions, he continues to learn and absorb from the experts to not only apply in his work but to also share with partners and stakeholders so that the industry can look towards a future where the awareness of the impact each development takes are clear and well considered. He takes available opportunities to educate stakeholders and audiences in making sustainable decisions while at the same time value pragmatism in developing projects.