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To All Registered Architects

## BOA PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND SEMINAR 2025 SUSTAINING DESIGN, SUSTAINING PRACTICE

The Board of Architects warmly invites members of the architectural fraternity to the **BOA Presentation Ceremony and Seminar 2025**, a key annual gathering that celebrates the profession while engaging with the pressing questions that shape architectural practice today.

This year's seminar theme, “**Sustaining Design, Sustaining Practice**”, calls on architects to reflect on how we can uphold design excellence while sustaining our practice amidst the shifting landscapes of technology, climate, culture, and society.

At the inaugural Building Singapore Festival, Ms Indranee Rajah, Second Minister for National Development and Co-Chair of the Taskforce, announced the **Taskforce for Architectural and Engineering Consultants’** Report. The report outlines how stakeholders—from Built Environment (BE) consultants to service buyers—can collectively strengthen the talent pipeline and business sustainability of the BE consultancy sector.

To bring these insights to the profession, we have invited two members of the Taskforce, **Mr Kelvin Wong**, Chief Executive Officer of the Building and Construction Authority, and **Ar. Melvin Tan**, Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Architects, to share the key recommendations of the report with the fraternity.

In addition, our keynote speaker, **Dr Hossein Rezai**, Founding Director of Web Structures and Global Design Director of Ramboll, will examine how design and foresight can equip architects to navigate complexity and stay relevant in a rapidly evolving world. He will explore the synergies between sustainability, technology, regeneration, and systemic thinking—while asking critical questions about the future roles of architects and allied professionals as artificial intelligence continues to reshape practice.

His keynote, “**Differentiating in a Noisy World**,” challenges us as architects to distinguish between the genuine megatrends shaping the built environment and the background noise that distracts from meaningful innovation—guiding us towards clarity, resilience, and purpose in practice.

Don't miss this inspiring session, which brings together voices shaping the future of the profession—spanning policy, regulation, practice, and design innovation.

Yours sincerely



**AR. TRACEY HWANG**  
**REGISTRAR**  
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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register, please complete the **online registration form** via the link provided in the email.

**Registration Period: Closes on 3 Oct 2025\***. (*Note: Registration will close upon full subscription.*)

### Event Details

Date	<b>17 Oct 2025</b> (Friday)
Time	<b>8:00am – 1:00pm</b>
Venue	Grand Ballroom One Farrer Hotel 1 Farrer Park Station Road Singapore 217562
CPD Points	<b>6 CPD Points</b> – Registered Architects

### Application Fee

Registered Architects	S\$180/- (No GST)
Non-Registered Individuals	S\$200/- (No GST)

### Available Payment Methods

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## Terms and Conditions

- **Pre-registration** is required. Strictly **no** registration at the door.
- Registration is **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**.
- Please ensure that particulars of the applicants are complete and accurate.
- Children below the age of 12 will not be admitted.
- **No** parking coupons will be provided. Participants are encouraged to take public transport.

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## BOA Presentation Ceremony and Seminar 2025

17 October 2025

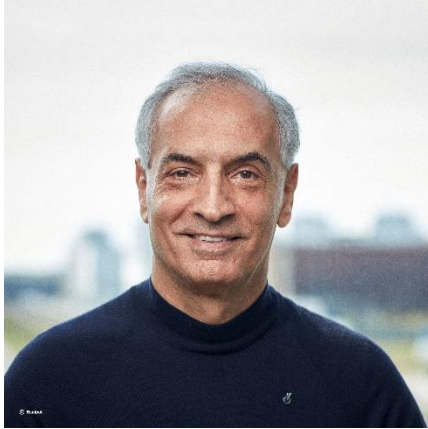
### PROGRAMME

Time	Description
8:00 am	Registration
8:50 am	Guests to be seated
9:00 am	Opening Address <b>Ar. Chan Kok Way</b> <b>President, Board of Architects</b>  Pledge Reading
9:15 am	The Taskforce Report: Strengthening Architectural Practice <b>Mr Kelvin Wong, CEO, Building Construction Authority</b> <b>Ar. Melvin Tan, Immediate Past President, Singapore Institute of Architects</b>
10:00 am	Presentation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Best Candidates Award for Professional Practice Examination</li><li>– Board of Architects Prizes</li><li>– Board of Architects Registration Certificates</li></ul> Recognition of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– ASEAN Architects</li><li>– APEC Architects</li></ul>
10:30 am	Keynote - Differentiating in a Noisy World <b>Dr Hossein Rezai, Founding Director, Web Structures and Global Design</b> <b>Director, Ramboll</b>
11:30 am	Networking Lunch and End of Programme

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **Dr. Hossein Rezai**

Founding Director, Web Structures

Global Design Director, Ramboll

Professor of Practice, Department of Architecture, College of Design and Engineering, National University of Singapore

Dr. Rezai is an engineer, a design visionary and an educator. He is a Global Design Director in Ramboll, and a proponent of Regenerative Design and System Thinking in the built environment. One of the initiators of the concept of “fusion engineering”, he is the first and only engineer to receive the coveted title of “Designer of the Year” from the President of Singapore. He is very passionate about the process of advanced computational design, and a holistic approach to architecture + structure + environment. Dr Rezai’s high-profile contributions to industry discourse include his involvement on the 13th cycle Aga Khan Award for Architecture’s Master Jury in 2016, as a jury member for the Singapore President’s Design Award (2017-2018), as Vice Chair (2019-2020), as Jury Chair (2021-2025) and his role as Professor of Practice in National University of Singapore.

### ***Differentiating in a Noisy World***

The talk will address the two key issues of Design and Foresight in a contemporary context and attempts to seek connections between the two.

Synergies between these and technology, sustainability, and regeneration will be sought within a systemic framework that seeks to achieve congruency between the natural and the built environments. Questions will also be raised on the roles and future of architects, engineers, technologists, and other design professionals in a world which appears to be shifting more and more towards artificial intelligence.

“Differentiation in a noisy world” shares ideas on how to identify the rising trends and megatrends of our time, and to distinguish them from the multiple, concurrent, and distracting noises in the design professions, and the world at large.

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## THE TASKFORCE REPORT: STRENGTHENING ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

### PANELISTS

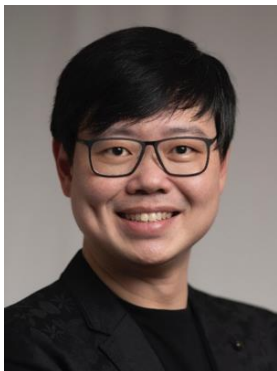


#### **Mr Kelvin Wong**

Chief Executive Officer  
Building and Construction Authority

Mr Kelvin Wong is the Chief Executive Officer of the Building and Construction Authority (BCA). He joined BCA on 27 Jul 2020 as the CEO-Designate.

Prior to joining BCA, Kelvin was the Executive Vice President of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB). At the EDB, Kelvin oversaw the development of strategic growth engines in Hub Services and Supply Chain & Connectivity as well as the board's new businesses and policy and planning divisions. Kelvin started his career with EDB in 1996 and has helmed various key portfolios including logistics, professional services and urban solutions. Kelvin had served on the board of Singapore's Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and is the alternate board member of the Human Capital Leadership Institute (HCLI). Mr Wong is a Glaxo-EDB scholar who graduated from the Imperial College, University of London (Masters in Communications and Signal Processing and First Class Honours in Electronics and Electrical Engineering) in 1996.



#### **Ar. Melvin H J Tan**

Immediate Past President, Singapore Institute of Architects  
Joint Managing Director, LAUD Architects Pte. Ltd.

Melvin is the Immediate Past President of Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), having served the past three terms as President. He is Joint Managing Director and founding partner of LAUD Architects Pte Ltd, a Singapore-based practice established in 2004.

LAUD Architects is a design-centric boutique practice comprising a strong team of motivated professionals with work that have been recognized at the SIA Design Awards, HDB Design Awards, World Architecture Festival and most notably President Design Awards for their projects, Sparkletots by PCF (2020) and DECK (2015). Besides running business development and practice matters, Melvin is an accomplished designer who has completed a wide range of projects including Singapore Life Church, Oxley Residences, Tiong Seng Group Hub and Aspial One HQ.

Melvin was one of the curators for the Singapore Pavilion at the Venice Architectural Biennale 2023 and is widely connected with the design community both within Singapore and Asia. He was recently elected as Arcasia Vice-President (Zone B) and hopes to further strengthen the collaborations amongst the architectural institutes in southeast asia.

He continues to serve on numerous panels as jurors for design competitions and awards, such as WAF and RIBA Awards. He is a member of the Design Singapore Advisory Board and participates on advisory panels with the Housing Development Board and Urban Redevelopment Authority. He also is a member of the Methodists Girls' School advisory board.