

Amos Koh Memorial Fund

The Department of Real Estate had established the Amos Koh Memorial Fund (AKMF) to commemorate the late Dr. Amos Koh Ah Meng. As a real estate academic and professional, Dr. Koh was highly respected both in Singapore and abroad. His long-standing association with the University's Department of Real Estate was marked by his complete dedication to teaching, his gentle style of encouragement and his seemingly inexhaustible hours spent with students and colleagues alike. Business associates will also remember Dr. Koh for his immense contributions to the real estate community. He served both the public and private property sectors with distinction, commitment and most importantly, personal and professional integrity.

Dr. Koh was a leading pioneer in regional and international real estate ventures throughout the 1990s to 2000. In line with his interests and passion for life-long learning, the AKMF will be used to benefit principally our student body and more generally, the real estate community at large, through educational and research activities. The AKMF Fund Raising Committee was set up to plan and organize the fund. Its goal was to raise some S\$500,000 from donors with the Ministry of Education (MOE) matching each donor dollar. Specifically, tax-exempt funds from donors and the matched funds will help to realize the following activities:

- (1) Lectures by distinguished academics and professionals in real estate
- (2) Excellence in international real estate research
- (3) Executive programmes
- (4) Enhancement of library and other information resources

A Tribute

Every once in a while, a unique opportunity is presented to remember with much respect the life time achievements of a distinguished individual, close to the heart of our academic and professional peers. One such individual that the Department of Real Estate in the National University of Singapore (NUS), has taken the initiative to commemorate was the late Dr. Amos Koh in the form of a University memorial fund, which would be significantly beneficial to our student body.

The richness of the life of Dr. Amos Koh extended beyond his personal life. Although he much valued family life with his wife, Dr. Koh abounded with much care, commitment and energy for the community of business colleagues, real estate professionals and University colleagues. His long standing association with the University's Department of Real Estate has been filled with much admiration particularly in his complete dedication to teaching, his gentle style of encouragement, kindly advice and innovative suggestions and his seemingly inexhaustible hours spent with students, friends, colleagues and business associates. He worked tirelessly in the name of excellence, be it in business, the real estate investment profession, academia or church work.

Beyond doubt, Dr. Amos Koh's business acumen in his private- and public- sector roles was outstanding. As a leading pioneer in regional and international real estate ventures through out the 1990s to 2000, he provided valuable advice to the Indonesian and Nepal tax authorities; the Hainan International Financial Investment & Consultancy Co.; Beijing's Qing Hua University Alumni Real Estate Consultancy Group; Shanghai's urban redevelopment local authority; Asian Development Bank and Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority. He was a long-standing board member of Singapore's Jurong Town Corporation, having served with distinction on several board committees from 1991 to 2000. As a real estate valuer and a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers, his immense valuation portfolio extended beyond the shores of Singapore to include real estate assets in Kuala Lumpur, Johor Bahru, Bintan, Surabaya, Jakarta, Bangkok and China. Dr. Amos Koh ran his own company when he initially ventured into Indonesia and subsequently led the operations of PT Surya Prapta Inda/Knight Frank Baillieu as Managing Director. These were followed by key appointments as Managing Director of DTZ Leung in Singapore and Indonesia; and as Executive Director of Knight Frank in Singapore, heading its International Projects and Industrial departments. Ultimately, he served as a leading foreign talent in heading the real estate group of the Saudi Economic & Development Co. Ltd in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Despite his significant achievements, Dr. Koh was an all-rounder in every sense of the word, with a musical talent in playing the guitar, composing musical pieces, a penchant for poetry and composing poems distinctly of his own.

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Real estate experts speak at Amos Koh Memorial Lecture

18 November 2010



MEMORIAL LECTURE : (From left) GIC Real Estate President Dr Seek Ngee Huat with NUS Board of Trustees member and SAA Architects Pte Ltd Senior Advisor Mr Edward D'Silva



INSIGHTFUL TALK : By Ascendas Group President and CEO Ms Chong Siak Ching

In memory of distinguished real estate academic and professional Dr Amos Koh who passed away 10 years ago, the NUS Department of Real Estate and The Amos Koh Memorial Fund Committee (AKMF) organised a lecture at the University on 12 November 2010.

Speaking at the Amos Koh Memorial Lecture were his ex-colleague, GIC Real Estate President Dr Seek Ngee Huat and a former student of Dr Koh, Ascendas Group President & CEO Ms Chong Siak Ching.

Dr Seek spoke on the skills needed to succeed in an increasingly global real estate sector while Ms Chong shared about integrated communities and the new generation workplace.

In his talk, Dr Seek mentioned that NUS' Department of Real Estate was enviably placed to train and educate students. The establishment of NUS' Institute of Real Estate Studies had "the potential to become the leading research centre on Asian real estate and a platform for international players and academics to interact." "NUS is in a unique position to be a centre of excellence in real estate education and research, drawing on its 40 years history," noted Dr Seek.

The late Dr Koh was highly respected both in Singapore and overseas. At the NUS Department of Real Estate, he was known for his selfless dedication to teaching and mentoring of students. He contributed greatly to the real estate community, having served both in the public and private property sectors with distinction and commitment. Dr Koh was a leading pioneer in regional and international real estate ventures throughout the 1990s.

The AKMF aims to benefit the real estate student body and more generally, the real estate community at large, through educational and research activities.

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