

You are cordially invited to a:
Public Seminar by
Mr Joseph Hui Kim Sung
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National Environment Agency, Singapore

Topic: Singapore's Environmental Policy, Administration & Enforcement
Date: 15 September 2008, Monday
Time: 9.00 – 10.00 am
Venue: LT9, NTU

Abstract

Despite decades of rapid industrialisation and urbanisation, Singapore has maintained a high standard of environmental protection and Singaporeans enjoy a quality living environment comparable to those in developed countries.

Since the early stage of its development, Singapore has recognised the importance of protecting the environment and has consciously put in place a robust framework for sound environmental management, based on the following 5 principles:

- a) Control Pollution at Source
- b) "Polluter Pays" Principle
- c) Pre-empt and take early action
- d) Innovation/Technology
- e) Environmental Ownership

The key strategies adopted are prevention, putting in place sound and sustainable environmental infrastructure, legislation and enforcement, monitoring and education. These principles and strategies have served Singapore well. However, in order to address emerging global environmental challenges and to meet the higher demands and expectations of the people, Singapore needs to be versatile and continue to innovate and optimise the use of its resources to ensure environmental sustainability and sustainable development.

About the speaker

A UK Colombo Plan scholar, Mr Joseph Hui received his Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from Leeds University and joined the Civil Service in 1977. He was also a Canadian Commonwealth scholar and received his Masters degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. Prior to his current appointment as Director-General, Environmental Protection of the National Environment Agency (NEA) in Jan 07, Mr Hui held various portfolios in several departments in the then Ministry of the Environment and the NEA, a Statutory Board of Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

As the Director-General, Environmental Protection of the NEA, Mr Hui is responsible for setting out policy directions in environmental protection for Singapore to attain environmental sustainability in the areas of air, water and land and also in the areas of radiation protection and nuclear science in Singapore. As part of his portfolio, he also oversees the management and control of air and greenhouse gas emissions, ensures that all waste and other hazardous substances and toxic are properly disposed and managed, protects the water resources and coastal waters, ensures that sources of ionising and non-ionising radiation are properly controlled and that environmental considerations are incorporated in the development of land use and development plans in Singapore.

Mr Hui played a key role in the formulation of environmental sustainability initiatives in Singapore over the past several years. In particular, he played a leading role in the review of the Singapore Green Plan (SGP) and the publication of the outcome, the SGP 2012. The SGP 2012 is the blueprint setting out the direction that Singapore should take in order to achieve environmental sustainability over the next decade.

He has also played a role in the introduction of green vehicles in Singapore and also initiated the process of setting up national standards for the safe use and storage of natural gas in the refilling stations, workshops and motor vehicles.

Registration

Admission is free. Please confirm your attendance with Ms Manesia by voice at 67906888, or by email:
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