

# Speakers and Abstracts



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Elaine Tan is Director of Architecture & Urban Design Excellence at the Urban Redevelopment Authority, working closely with the industry to advance the state of architecture and urban design in Singapore through new initiatives and programmes. Prior to this, Elaine was Director of Strategic Research at URA. She spearheaded URA's R&D efforts and directed key research programmes through Singapore's Land and Liveability National Innovation Challenge, under the auspices of the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council, chaired by the Prime Minister. Elaine is also URA's champion for Ageing issues and has been invited to various conferences and forums to share URA's work in planning for an aged population.

Elaine also established the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize in 2010, in tribute to Singapore's first Prime Minister, into a recognised global biennial award today, as well as the President's Design Award to honour the best of Singapore's architecture and design.

Elaine studied both Architecture and Urban Design at the National University of Singapore and holds both a Masters in Urban Design and a Masters in Public Administration from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

## **Designing for an Age-Enabled and Inclusive Community**

Over the next few decades, Singapore's society will undergo a profound change with a rapidly ageing population. The number of seniors over 65 years old will double to 900,000 by 2030 and we are now looking to other super-aged countries to study ways in which we can cope with the challenges. Fundamentally, we should see our seniors as an asset to society and a positive force when given the support they need to contribute to society. Our goal is to tailor our efforts to their differing needs and to help them stay healthy and active for as long as possible. For seniors who are more frail, our aim is to deliver the care that they need to live comfortable, dignified lives. The Action Plan for Successful Ageing, initiated by the Ministry of Health, is a collective and integrated effort to prepare our city and the presentation will share on some of the ongoing efforts and plans for the future.