

# President's Message



I am very honored to be elected President of SLP at our recent AGM. As mentioned at our AGM, See Hee had decided to step down after four years as President because of his extensive business travel. After some hesitation, I accepted the nomination to be President. My main reason for accepting the responsibility is my desire

to contribute to the growth of SLP and to raise the standard of the practice and science of loss prevention in our process industries. For us, in this profession, there is no room for complacency. There are far too many reports of failures. To do this job properly, I would need the continuous support of our members and our Executive Committee. I am glad therefore that many of the "Old Guards" are still continuing to serve. See Hee has agreed to be an Advisor. We are thus fortunate that we can still call on his expertise.

On behalf of SLP, I wish to put on record our appreciation and thanks to See Hee for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service to us. He was a Founding Member and had served in our Executive Committee from the founding until now.

SLP has in the past few years conducted a number of conferences, seminars, roundtable discussions, technical talks, workshops and training sessions on process safety topics and loss prevention. My vision is to continue this good work in enhancing the process safety knowledge of our members and other like-minded individuals through the creation of these

sharing and learning opportunities. At the same time, we will initiate more collaboration with professional bodies, such as the Institution of Engineers, in organizing joint safety training courses.

All of us must know about the rig explosion that took place onboard BP-Transocean Deepwater Horizon in April earlier this year. This accident had resulted in the deaths of 11 workers and had caused a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The lesson learned from this BP Deepwater Horizon Blowout incident is never to underestimate the importance of operational safety and the cost of safety lapses.

The challenge that lies before us is to promote SLP as a premier professional society for loss prevention in the oil, chemical and process industries in Singapore. The Executive Committee will continue to do its best to organize training programs and events for the benefit of our members and the public. I encourage our members to step forward to share their ideas on how we can all help make SLP a truly professional organization that raises process safety standards in Singapore. We also want to see more of our members representing SLP in various regulatory bodies and standards committees such as SPRING and the WSH council.

In closing, I would like to once again thank See Hee and members of the Executive Committee for sacrificing their personal time for SLP. Thank you all. Please stay safe and healthy!

*Tay Cheng Pheng*