

CLC Urban Pioneer Lecture Series: **Sustaining Singapore's Farming Heritage**

25 May 2016 | 3:00– 5:00pm | **MND Auditorium**
Networking & Registration from 3:00pm
(guests to be seated by 3:30pm) | Free Admission
Prior registration required [here](#).



Farming had been a way of life for many Singaporeans since the nineteenth century. However, in the last 40 years, the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors in Singapore have seen many changes. Farmland has decreased from 15,000 hectares in the 1960s to 8000 hectares in 1980s to 1500 hectares in 2005 and currently less than 1000 hectares; due to industrialization, urbanization, public housing needs and water conservation. Despite this, existing farms in Singapore have managed to remain economically viable and has provided a measure of fresh and quality food for our people and a thriving export trade in orchids, ornamental fish and crocodile skins. Dr Ngiam Tong Tau who has actively promoted the farming sector for the past 40 years will share his observations on the rapid changes in the farming industry and the resilience and entrepreneurship of our farmers in meeting the challenges of farming in land scarce Singapore. He will also share his vision of the way forward for the farming sector.

Speaker:



Dr NGIAM Tong Tau
Chairman, Sky Urban Solutions
Former Chief Executive Officer
Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA)

Dr Ngiam Tong Tau, a Colombo Plan Scholar with a PhD from the University of London in Veterinary Medicine, has more than 40 years' experience in the fields of veterinary medicine and public health, agriculture and aquaculture. He helmed the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore ("AVA") for 21 years during which time he spear-headed successful programmes in agrotechnology, aquaculture and food safety. He is recognised as the architect of modern farming and agrotechnology parks in Singapore and has been responsible for the transfer of farming technology to several countries in the region. He has also successfully established programmes to ensure food supply and food safety in Singapore through an Integrated Food Safety Program. For his distinguished service, Dr Ngiam has been awarded the National Meritorious Service Medal, Public Administration Medal (Gold), the Friend of Labour and the NTUC Meritorious Service Medal.

Moderator:



Dr Paul Teng
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Dr Teng is Principal Officer at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He has over 20 years of experience in food security issues, having held positions at the WorldFish Center, Malaysia; the International Rice Research Institute; and Monsanto Company. He is currently Honorary Chairman, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA), an international and not-for-profit organization based in Cornell University, U.S.A..

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