

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY BCA CHAIRMAN MR LEE FOOK SUN AT THE JOINT OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE, BEX ASIA AND MCE ASIA 2018 ON WEDNESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2018, 9.05AM AT MARINA BAY SANDS EXPO & CONVENTION CENTRE**

Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development and  
Second Minister for Finance

Mr Tan Swee Yiow, President, SGBC

Ms Debbie Evans, President, REED Exhibitions Southeast Asia  
and Australia

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1 Good morning and welcome to the Singapore Green Building Week 2018 and the joint opening of the International Green Building Conference (IGBC), the Build Eco Expo Asia (BEX Asia) and the Mostra Convegno (MCE Asia).

2 The theme for IGBC 2018 is “Build Green: Build Smart. Build Communities”. This is indeed a very appropriate theme because 2018 is also Singapore’s Year of Climate Action. It is a milestone year for green building development as well as zero carbon and energy initiatives. We want to rally stakeholders and users to come together as one community to drive the green building agenda.

3 Let me share briefly on some our efforts in this area.

### **Firstly, Achieving Construction Productivity and Enhancing Environmental Outcomes**

4 In this area, I would like to mention Mass Engineered Timber (MET) which is a fine example of a sustainable and productive technology.

It is typically manufactured from sustainable softwood species; and has been adopted in many countries including Singapore due to its significant benefits in construction productivity and sustainability.

5 To spur greater industry adoption of MET, BCA, together with the Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) and the Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL) will be launching the MET Guidebook today. We hope this guidebook will help raise the industry's knowledge and capability for MET construction in Singapore.

## **Secondly, Greening Buildings together with Building Owners**

6 In this area, the public sector has participated very actively since 2006. For example, more than 70 schools are on board the BCA-MOE Back to School Programme.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has also been conferred the BCA Green Mark Champion this year for greening 16 buildings, achieving more than 45 GWh/year in energy savings.

7 On the private sector front, building owners will also have an important role to play to green up their existing buildings and to maintain the good performance throughout their life cycle. To continue to support retrofitting efforts, BCA is extending the Building Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing (BREEF) scheme for another five years till 2023.

### **Thirdly, Increasing Focus on Digital Technology and Smart Building Management**

8 Technology and digitalisation will play a key role in our built environment.

9 We will continue to push for the use of Integrated Digital Delivery (IDD) to strengthen collaboration by connecting all parties in the eco-system through digital information and technology. With IDD, the benefits will be seen clearly across the entire life cycle of a building - from design to fabrication, assembly on-site, as well as operations and maintenance.

10 We will also be encouraging the adoption of smart technologies and solutions for the facility management (FM) of buildings in Singapore. This would enhance productivity of FM practitioners; and improve the experience of occupants.

## **Finally, Engaging Real Estate Agents and Homebuyers through Industry-led Community Outreach Programme**

11 Trade Associations and Chambers (TACs), in particular, the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) and the Singapore Estate Agents Association (SEAA) have come forward to take the lead with BCA to boost green and quality knowledge among real estate agents.

### **Conclusion**

12 Let me conclude by making special mention that we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Singapore Green Building Week this year. BCA has been working with our strategic partner REED to grow the event, and today we see some of the fruits of our labour. Today, we have seen a 3-fold increase of participants to almost 20,000.

13 We have also more than doubled the number of participating countries in this event to more than 50; and we have the active participation from many key international brands. Thank you for your strong support over the years for the Singapore Green Building Week.

14 I wish all of you a fruitful conference.

Thank you.