

ASC Recall interview by Incoming DRC Leong CW

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1	How did you become an engineer? Was it your childhood ambition?	I was greatly influenced by my father to be an ACMV engineer. Ever since secondary school days, I spent my holidays in my father's office, following the supervisors on their daily job routine. I find being an Engineer interesting, challenging and rewarding. I do not have any regrets being an Engineer.
2	Tell us briefly about your career as an engineer.	I studied Marine Engineering in Singapore Polytechnic. After graduating from Aberdeen University in 1988, I worked in HP Singapore for 1.5 years as a Manufacturing Engineer. I then applied for a Research Scholarship at NUS for a Master's degree programme. After finishing the programme in 1992, I applied for a Consulting Engineer's post in Squire Mech Pte Ltd. I left Squire Mech Pte Ltd to join Murray-North Consulting Pte Ltd in 1998. In 2000, I joined Method Engineering Pte Ltd, the company that my father started in 1971. I am presently working in Method Engineering Pte looking after the overall operation; technical matters, marketing and daily operation.
3	When did you become an ASHRAE member and when did you become active in the local Chapter and the Region XIII? What were some of the main events that you've contributed?	I joined ASHRAE and the Singapore Chapter in 1990. I was immediately tasked as a member of the D&D Committee. I have been served in all the different committees before elected as the President for the term 2000-2001. As for Region XIII, I served as the RP RVC, RMCR and ARC. I was the CRC Chair when the event was held in Singapore in August 2017.
4	What do you think how ASHRAE can contribute to society especially with issues like energy efficiency, indoor air quality and global warming?	ASHRAE is recognized as the leading Society in HVAC throughout the world. It is a non-profitable Society with many dedicated members who volunteer their own time to advance the science of air-conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration. ASHRAE has always been advocating energy efficiency, sustainability, IAQ etc. ASHRAE also set up the ETF (Epidemic Task Force) to recommend safe practices during the CoVid Pandemic for many people and countries to consider adopting to prevent the spread of the CoVid viruses. ASHRAE is also currently embarking on Decarbonization and the reduction of carbon footprint in Buildings.
5	Green buildings and green technology are current topics of interest. How can Singapore improve in these areas?	Singapore has always been in the fore-front among our neighbouring countries in Green Buildings, Energy Efficiency, Green Technology and Net-Zero Buildings, etc. Our local authorities, BCA and NEA have actively been driving the industries on these issues. We must always keep abreast of new technologies available and also the trend for producing energy, storage and their efficient usage. We must

		be aware of the things being done effectively in other countries that we can adopt here.
6	Are you proud of being an engineer? Describe how ASHRAE has enhanced your career.	Yes, I am very proud to be an Engineer. ASHRAE provides a platform for me to mix with many professionals both locally and internationally. I also met and talked to many learned and experienced engineers broadening my knowledge, sharing their thoughts, know-how and opinions. I always find it very rewarding to be part of ASHRAE and ASC. I will continue to serve for as long as I can.
7	What is your advice for young engineers?	I hope the young engineers make full use of the technical resources available to develop themselves. They should actively participate in events organized by ASHRAE and ASC to know who are the players in the market and also widen their circle of contacts. I believe being an ASHRAE member would be very beneficial to them in their careers.
8	Finally, what advice can you give to the present and future BOGs of ASC?	Serving in ASC and ASHRAE is voluntary. It is the belief in what the ASC's and ASHRAE's missions and objectives that drives the passion of a member to serve. To serve, one must know their roles, duties and responsibilities besides devoting the necessary time and efforts to perform their tasks. There shall be no vested or personal interests and the Code of Ethics must be strictly adhered to in any matters conducted on behalf of ASC and ASHRAE.
9	Any other comments you would like to make?	I believe serving in ASC and ASHRAE is also akin to contributing back to the Society. It may seem insignificant and intangible in many ways. However, it is very rewarding to see and know that the "small" things" we do would eventually make the world a better place to live in for our future generations to come.

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