



Khairudin Saharom

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Khairudin holds a Master of Architecture degree from the National University of Singapore. He was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal for being the top graduate in 1999. He was also a recipient of the NYAA/HSBC National Youth Environmental Award in 1998 for integrating environmental sustainability as one of the main thrusts in his projects. After establishing Kite, he was selected as one of the promising architects under the age of 45 as part of the URA's '20 under 45' (third edition) initiative and identified by The Business Times as one of the eight to look out for in 2018.

Khairudin joined PWD Consultants which was later corporatized as CPG Consultants, a multi-disciplinary firm that specializes in institutional projects and masterplanning. There, he was part of the team responsible for MGM's proposal for the Integrated Resort at Marina Bay. Khairudin was also involved in proposals for mixed developments in Dubai, master planning for The Singapore Botanic Gardens as well as NTU's Student Centre. CPG also provided Khairudin with the opportunity and experience handling projects of various scale for developments UAE, China and India.

In 2006, he helped establish Aamer Architects (from Aamer Taher Design Studio) and led the firm's signature projects. Some of the most notable projects include

high-end residential developments in Singapore's premium districts as well as a 30-storey mixed development in Penang called The Landmark.

In 2010, Khai established Kite Studio Architecture to provide architectural services that strive to seek invigorating approach to design and heighten spatial experience. Chrysanthemum Collection, the furniture arm of Kite, was founded in 2016 as an extension of the company's vision to create a holistic solution to design based on craftsmanship and seamless continuity of the design thought.

Currently Khai sits on the Board for Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in Singapore. He is also a Registered Qualified Person (QP) with the Board of Architects Singapore (BOA) and sits on its Board. He is also presently serving as a Board Member for the Malay Heritage Foundation. He has also served on the Board for the Building Construction Authority (BCA).

On the sidelines, Khai attempts to find time to contribute his expertise and talent to the community. He was part of the workgroup for the Wisma Geylang Serai. He served as a Council Member for the National Youth Council from 2005 to 2009. In 2004, He was appointed by Minister Vivian Balakrishnan to co-chair the committee for the development of *scape, a youth hub at Orchard. Khai served on the Board of Directors for *scape for three consecutive terms.

As part of giving back to the community, Khai serves as a grassroots volunteer for Tampines West and currently assists Minister Masagos Zulkifli in MPS (Meet-The-People Session).

Khai is also serving in other statutory committees and sub-committees, including Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism. He was part of SG50 Infrastructure Committee as well as Public Engagement and Community Engagement (PECE) under by MCCY.

Besides being a familiar face in the media and having hosted many television programmes for both local and regional networks, Khai is also an illustrator for books. His works include 'What Sallamah Didn't Know' written by Sharon Ismail, The Last Wish at the Changi Tree by Poh Wei Leong and The Games We Played by Koh Ser Lian. These books and stories illustrated by him have been selected to be part of MOE's STELLAR programme.