

# Joint SLP/IES course on Emergency Response Planning

Members will be pleased to know that we and the Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), are jointly organizing a 2-day training course on Emergency Response Planning (ERP). This is not the first time that we are collaborating with IES to put on a training course. Members will remember that we jointly organized the launch of our Emergency Response Planning Guide in November 2001. Our President Richard Gillis has also spoken at IES technical training courses. IES is the national professional society for the engineering profession in Singapore. Some SLP members are also members of IES.

This course is being held on January 19 and 20, 2006 at the York Hotel. While our ERP Guide will be used as the basis for discussing the emergency plan, we will be adding features to the training course in order to bring our thinking up to date. For instance, no ERP in this day and age will be complete without a consideration of **security** matters. Therefore a prominent consultant in the security area, Mr Chris Bala from CJ Security Consulting Group will be speaking about the security considerations for an ERP. Mr Nathaniel Forbes, a well-known practitioner in Business Continuity Planning (BCP) from Forbes Calamity Prevention, and an associate will speak on BCP.

Our audience will come from a wide spectrum of industries. The chemical, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries, our traditional source of SLP memberships, will of course, be well represented. IES represents a much wider constituency and we expect attendees from the ship building, metal working, electronic, building and construction and

transportation industries. Attendees from builders of our infrastructures such as the MRT and deep tunnel sewerage system are also expected. Hence Professor Natarajan Krishnamurthy will deal with civil/structural engineering design considerations for an ERP for a large scale infrastructural project.

SLP is providing three speakers. They are Richard Gillis, Ong See Hee and Ngiam Tong Yuen. Richard and Tong Yuen will deal with the elements of an ERP. This is the foundation for any good plan. See Hee will present a paper on how to plan and execute a table top exercise for an ERP. Such an exercise is important to identify weaknesses in a plan before it is tested in a life drill.

SCDF is providing a speaker to give an overview of the national perspective on ERP.

This rich mix of subjects and target audience will make for very lively discussions during the course. There is no doubt that attendees will be enriched by the experience.

Members should attend this training course themselves and to encourage their colleagues and business associates to do the same.

Remember, when an emergency occurs, half the battle is already won if you are prepared.

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