



THANK YOU for A Successful REDAS Safety Leadership Forum on 25 August 2022



Held on Thursday, 25 August 2022 at The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, around 150 fellow members and guests joined Guest-of-Honour Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State (SMS) for Manpower for this year's REDAS Safety Leadership Forum.

Speaking at the forum, **REDAS President Mr Chia Ngiang Hong** said that REDAS supports taking a stronger leadership role in encouraging good WSH practices. With construction and infrastructure projects being increasingly complex and larger in scale, it is imperative that the various stakeholders work collaboratively with the government to improve construction productivity and safety. Collaborative leadership is even more important in times where there is a manpower crunch amid construction backlogs, cost escalation, supply chain issues and financial challenges, added Mr Chia.

Giving the opening address at the forum, **SMS Mr Zaqy Mohamad** said there is a pressing need to enhance measures to improve workplace safety on the back of rising number of workplace accidents. MOM has stepped up enforcement and doubled fines for WSH infringements. The Ministry has also revised the WSH Guidelines for Design for Safety, and provided detailed checklists for the reference of developers and contractors.

As developers have “tremendous influence” as service buyers, SMS urged REDAS to encourage developers to take vendors’ and contractors’ WSH performance into account when selecting them. Developers to also consider disqualifying unsafe companies from being awarded contracts and rewarding vendors and contractors with safety bonus for good WSH performance

To further encourage the inculcation of a safety culture starting with top management, MOM is finalising the Code of Practice (COP) on Chief Executives’ and Board of Directors’ WSH Duties. The COP will spell out WSH responsibilities for management and boards, and the courts may consider the COP when assessing the culpability of company leaders and its board, when an accident occurs.

Below is the Opening Address by SMS as well as the media coverage on the event :

- **Opening Address by Mr Zaqy Mohamad at the REDAS Safety Leadership Forum**
<https://www.tal.sg/wshc/media/speeches/2022/opening-address-by-mr-zaqy-mohamad-at-the-redas-safety-leadership-forum>
- **Developers urged to pay contractors safety bonus as workplace accidents rise**
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/watch/developers-urged-pay-contractors-safety-bonus-workplace-accidents-rise-video-2900281>
- **Public database on companies' safety records expanded to let developers choose better contractors: Zaqy**
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/public-database-on-companies-safety-records-expanded-to-let-developers-choose-better-contractors-zaqy>
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/work-safety-accidents-construction-developer-redas-2899381>
<https://www.zaobao.com.sg/realtime/singapore/story20220825-1306389>

Members of the REDAS Management Committee and Organising Committee would like to express their **DEEPEST APPRECIATION** to all participants and sponsors for their strong support to this event.

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