

8th International Feng Shui Convention

19th - 20th November 2011

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Riding The Water Dragon 2012

IFSC – 8th Annual Feng Shui Convention

Feng Shui Masters, practitioners and enthusiasts gathered together once again in Singapore over the weekend of the 19th & 20th of November for the 8th Annual International Feng Shui Convention (IFSC). Entitled 'Riding the Water Dragon 2012', it attracted some 800 delegates who clearly enjoyed everything that this wonderful event has to offer.

Following the welcome speech by the IFSA President – Mr. Darren Ng, the Executive Committee conferred the titles of Grand Master, Honorary Master and Master to the worthy recipients. Congratulations are extended to all the newly Accredited IFSA Masters; Petra Coll-Exposito, Cristina Groza, Koh Chung Lin Ken, Janene Laird, Lee Yon Boon Jet, Anatoly Sokolov and Marylynn Stephenson-Clarke.

The IFSA Executive Committee then officially opened the event with a brief ribbon cutting ceremony. As always the members of the Executive Committee, who include GM Yap Cheng Hai, GM Tan Khoo Yong, GM Vincent Koh and GM Raymond Lo all actively participated in the convention and generously contributed their time, knowledge and wisdom to ensure the continued success of this important event within the Feng Shui industry.

The keynote address was delivered by Professor Ho Chi Ping from Hong Kong and although his presentation certainly included some aspects of Feng Shui, it was his interpretation of how China's economy will influence the rest of the world that caused the most discussion amongst many of the delegates.

Session 1 was then presented by Grand Master Raymond Lo, who is well known for his predictions which span a range of political, economic and social events. He skillfully utilized Feng Shui, IV Pillars of Destiny and the I Ching in order to provide the delegates with an insight into the 'Opportunities and Obstacles in the Year of the Dragon'. Once again this proved to be a very popular session as he effectively dispelled the doomsday prophecies surrounding 2012 and the Mayan Calendar and helped to prepare us to make the most of the inherent opportunities and challenges that lay ahead in the coming year.

The second session on Day 1 of the convention focused on 'Building for Harmony' and was beautifully presented by Master S.B.S Surendran. Following on from his Vastu Shastra and Sacred Geometry presentations from previous years, Master Surendran took us on a journey of the evolution and design of the Great Pyramids. Not only did he reveal some of the principles responsible for their unique energetic properties, but he also conducted several practical demonstrations with a dowsing tool in order to better illustrate some of the 'irritants' that we are bombarded with on a daily basis from our modern buildings and technology. Commonly referred to as 'Sick Building Syndrome', this topic also included how the pyramid's design can be utilized to help counter the hazardous effects of EMF's and how we can improve the quality of our building materials to provide a healthier environment for us all.



Honorary Masters
Prof. Ho Chi Ping &
Mr. Derek Walters



IFSA Accredited
Masters



IFSA Executive
Committee



Grand Master
Raymond Lo



Master S.B.S Surendran



GM Yap Cheng Hai &
Master Yap Boh Chu



Some of the delegates
at the 8th Annual IFSC



GM Tan Khoon Yong & Mark

Session 3 was conducted by Grand Master Tan Khoon Yong and as in previous years he teamed up with his son Mark, who not only translated GM Tan's words of wisdom, but also his wonderfully entertaining anecdotes. In his presentation on 'Unveil the Secrets of Yin Feng Shui' GM Tan generously shared with us some of his vast knowledge and expertise, which he further illustrated with photos of burials he had personally conducted for clients.

Yin House Feng Shui is of course a very specialized and respected area of Chinese Metaphysics and the majority of us are well aware of how an auspicious family burial can positively affect the fortune and wellbeing of our descendants. Nowadays however it is not always possible to have a traditional burial so GM Tan also spoke about other auspicious alternatives such as a family niche at a columbarium.

Day 1 of the convention then wrapped up with an educational visit by the delegates to the Nirvana Memorial Garden Columbarium. Kindly organized by GM Tan and WayOnNet this excursion was educational, informative and surprisingly enjoyable. Like many people I have not given my inevitable demise much serious thought, as quite frankly the vision of lying forgotten and unattended in some cemetery was less than appealing. Therefore this visit to the Columbarium really opened my eyes to another auspicious and affordable alternative. In fact this lovely complex felt more like a combination of a luxury hotel and Buddhist Temple, rather than a final resting place and was certainly somewhere that family members could gather to remember, celebrate and honor the lives of their loved ones.



GM Yap Cheng Hai

DAY 2 OF THE 8TH ANNUAL IFSC

Day 2 of the convention commenced with another great father and son team in GM Yap Cheng Hai and Master Yap Boh Chu. Together they addressed the different aspects of 'How to identify a competent Feng Shui Master'. GM Yap once again brought his considerable wealth of knowledge and experience to bear as he shared some of the knowledge, skills, commitment and spiritual enlightenment needed in order to truly dedicate your life to such important and highly specialized work.

Master Boh Chu then outlined some of the more technical requirements of a competent Master and demonstrated how all the different skills should come together when conducting a Feng Shui consultation in order to truly respond to the individual needs of a client. Overall this was yet another wonderfully valid presentation, particularly for all those delegates who are either already on the path to becoming a Master or are considering Feng Shui as their future career.

Mr. Dieter Schaefer from the International Geo-Safe Institute in Germany presented the next session and addressed the subject of 'Geo Pathology and Feng Shui: How do the Earth's Energies impact your health?'. Creating a healthy living environment in the 21st century is essential for us all and in fact this subject was also examined in Master Surendran's presentation on the previous day of the convention.

Aside from Feng Shui it is becoming increasingly apparent that there are other factors to consider when assessing a home's potential to support the health and wellbeing of its occupants. In order to illustrate this, Grand Master Vincent Koh graciously volunteered to be the subject of a demonstration by simply holding a mobile phone in his hand. To the amazement of all (including GM Koh) the ability of his arm to resist pressure was considerably increased whenever he was not holding the device and was further improved when he held the Geo-Safe-E-System which effectively neutralized the electromagnetic effects of the mobile phone. This system has been specially developed by Mr. Schaefer and is now used by doctors and home owners across the world to help create radiation free areas.



Mr. Dieter Schaefer



GM Vincent Koh— IFSC Moderator & Organizing Chairman

Session 6 was conducted by the very charming Master Mas Kerhardtham and was entitled 'I Ching Flying Stars Feng Shui' which is based on his latest research. Master Mas is one of the new generation of practitioners who instead of merely being content with following in the footsteps of others, forges his own path.

Mr. Derek Walters from the United Kingdom presented session 7 of the convention and spoke on 'The Scientific Foundations of Feng Shui'. In this interesting topic he highlighted how virtually every aspect of Feng Shui tradition was originally founded on logic and observation of natural phenomenon. Rather than superstition, the location of buildings and the selection of auspicious days and favorable directions can all be traced back to scientific principles which are just as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago.

The final session of the convention was presented by Mr. Victor Garza and suitably titled, 'Is 2012 the end of the World?'. A native Mexican and expert on Mesoamerican calendars, Mr. Garza separated fact from fiction with regard to the many ominous predictions and inaccuracies surrounding the 21st December 2012. Following this presentation (and also that of GM Raymond Lo on Day 1), I must say that I feel much more optimistic about the future of our world and can now look forward to Christmas this year without fearing that it might be the last!

Aside from two days of wonderfully insightful and informative presentations, the IFSC once again provided a unique opportunity for delegates to converse, network and catch up with both international and local colleagues. As a result the foyer of the convention hall was often abuzz with much conversation and laughter. Many of the Masters and Academic Institutions set up booths at the convention and not only offered books and associated products, but were also happy to meet and speak with the many delegates who gathered around their tables during the break periods.

Overall the 8th Annual IFSC was a resounding success and the **Executive Committee** of the **IFSA** is to be congratulated on yet another wonderful event. Their commitment to the industry and dedication to ensuring that both traditional and conventional practices are passed on to the next generation is to be commended.

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Master Mas Kerhardtham



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Speakers receiving their Certificates of Appreciation

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