

malaysiaGBC Northern Seminar Series



# ADAPTIVE REUSE

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SATURDAY

**20** SEPTEMBER  
2025

## REGISTRATION FEE

**FREE**

*malaysiaGBC Members*

**RM53**

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**RM79.50**

*Non-Member / Public*

**RM26.50**

*Non-Member Student*

*(Under Graduate only)*

CPD POINTS APPLIED:

**GBI, LAM, BEM, MIP**

**TIME: 09.00 AM - 12.10 PM**

HYBRID EVENT

**VENUE:**

**TELE-CONFERRING ROOM, LEVEL 1,  
UOW MALAYSIA KDU PENANG UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE, GEORGE TOWN CAMPUS**

**PLATFORM: PHYSICAL & ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

## PROGRAMME

- 08:30 am** Participants' Arrival & Login
- 09:00 am** Welcome, House Rule and Remarks
- 09:05 am** **Opening Speech**  
*by Ir. Ooi Zi Xun, Chairman of malaysiaGBC Northern 2024-2026*
- 09:10 am** **Session 1: New Life or New Damage**  
*by Dr. Tan Chin Ling,  
Vice President & Expert Member, ICOMOS International  
Scientific Committee on Education and Training  
(ICOMOS CIF)*
- 10:00 am** **Session 2: Adaptive Reuse & More**  
*by Ar Ho Chin Keng,  
Director, CKHO Architect*
- 10:50 am** **Tea Break**
- 11:10 am** **Session 3: Sponsor Presentation**  
*- by Knauf*
- 11:20 am** **Session 4: Beyond Adaptive Reuse:  
A Community-Driven Placemaking**  
*by Ar Mei Chee Seong  
Principal, aLM Architects | Founder, CoEX*
- 12:10 pm** **Closing Remarks & End**

## ENQUIRIES

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## OVERVIEW

The seminar will feature a curated series of presentations and discussions led by distinguished experts in architecture and green building. The sessions will cover theoretical frameworks, real-life case studies, technical challenges, and policy considerations related to adaptive reuse in Malaysia and the Southeast Asian context.

Through this program, participants will gain:

- A deeper understanding of adaptive reuse as a strategy for sustainable development;
- Insights into the integration of green building principles in reuse projects;
- Exposure to current design practices, innovations, and challenges from leading architects and industry professionals.

## SPEAKERS



### Dr. Tan Chin Ling

*Vice President & Expert Member*

*ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Education and Training (ICOMOS CIF)*

Dr. Tan Chin Ling is the Founder and Heritage Conservator at Ori Green Design Studio, a practice dedicated to sustainable design and conservation of built heritage. With a strong commitment to capacity building in the field of heritage conservation, he also serves as Vice President & Expert Member of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Training (ICOMOS CIF). International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) is an Advisory Body of the World Heritage Committee, working to implement the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, review nominations for cultural and mixed World Heritage Sites and advise on the conservation status of inscribed properties. With extensive experience in adaptive reuse and architectural heritage management, Dr. Tan's session will explore the intersection between conservation principles and green approach, showcasing how adaptive reuse can honour the past while meeting future environmental goals.



### Ar Ho Chin Keng

*Director, CKHO Architect*

Ar Ho Chin Keng is the director of CKHO Architect, a design firm known for its bold, contemporary approach to conservation and adaptive reuse. With an impressive portfolio of residential, commercial, and institutional reuse projects across Malaysia, Ar Ho's work reflects a balance between modern interventions and respect for architectural heritage. In his session, he will share case studies and design strategies that illustrate how adaptive reuse can unlock new value in aging buildings while preserving cultural narratives.



### Ar Mei Chee Seong

*Principal, aLM Architects*

*Founder, CoEX*

Ar Mei Chee Seong is a visionary architect and the co-founder of aLM Architects, a practice known for its hands-on approach to design. His work has evolved from a small studio in George Town, Penang, to projects of vast scale, including those in commercial, hospitality, and education. Ar. Mei's firm is a pioneer in community-driven architectural projects, and his bold move to relocate his office to Hin Bus Depot exemplifies a design philosophy that focuses on fostering vibrant communities and revitalizing urban spaces. His session will explore how a design practice can serve as a social experiment, empowering the community and breathing new life into our built environment.

## MODERATOR



### Ts. Vanessa Serbastian

*Head of Department, Built Environment & Foundation in Arts, UOW Malaysia KDU Educationalist*

Ts. Vanessa Serbastian is a distinguished academic leader in Built Environment at UOW Malaysia KDU, a position she has held for more than eight years. A passionate advocate for the dynamic interplay between heritage conservation and modern innovation, she has been instrumental in shaping a curriculum that integrates historical preservation with contemporary design principles. Her commitment to the field is demonstrated by her role in spearheading cultural heritage to empower the next generation of professionals. She has also showcased her expertise as the host of "PODTALK - The Heritage Hour!", where she engages with leading conservators to provide deep insights into the meticulous processes of preserving historical structures and the broader role of conservation in a rapidly changing world. As a moderator, Ts. Vanessa Serbastian brings a unique and informed perspective on how to balance the preservation of cultural values with the demands of contemporary design, ensuring that heritage remains a living, reinterpreted, and celebrated part of our future.

Join us today, let's move towards sustainability together

