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Safety and health at work: Who owns it?

Speakers' Profile



Mr Thomas Fernandez

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
PestBusters Pte Ltd

Thomas Fernandez is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PestBusters Pte Ltd and co-authors the best-seller books; "Secrets To Dominate Your Niche", "Niche Dominator" and "Success Secrets Exposed".

Thomas is currently a Council Member in the Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (ASME) and the Co-Chairman of its EYA Committee. He was the President— 2013/2014 and the Sponsorship Chairman— 2015 of Spirit of Enterprise (SOE). He was also the Chapter President of the Entrepreneur Organization (EO) formerly known as the Young Entrepreneur Organization (YEO)— 2006, a member of the Pi Chi Omega Professional Fraternity; a by-invitation only States-based fraternity for pest control professionals and is sitting on board the committee for Tripartite Oversight On Workplace Health and on the feedback committee of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.



Dr. Theng Yin-Leng

Professor, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information (WKWSCI)
Acting Executive Director, Ageing Research Institute for Society and Education (ARISE)
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Dr. Theng Yin Leng is Professor, Acting Executive Director at the Ageing Research Institute for Society and Education, Nanyang Technological University and Interim Director, NTU-WSH Institute Research Centre. She is also the Founding Director of the Centre of Healthy and Sustainable Cities (CHESS) at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, and Research Director at the Research Strategy and Coordination Unit (President's Office), Nanyang Technological University (NTU, Singapore).

Professor Theng has been active as a Principal Investigator (PI), Co-Principal Investigator and Collaborator in competitive research grants outside WKWSCI from the A*Star (Agency for Science, Technology and Research), National Research Foundation (Media Development Authority), Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to name a few. From 2003 to 2017, as a PI, she garnered a total of slightly over S\$5.6M as PI and about S\$2M as Co-PI and Collaborator. Professor Theng has more than 200 papers and publishes widely in top-tiered international journals and conferences.



Mr Melvin Yong

Secretary of NTUC Workplace Safety & Health Committee
National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)

Mr Melvin Yong has been with the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) since September 2015 and is currently the Director (Tripartism). He is also the Supervising Lead for the Labour Movement's Electronics & Precision & Machinery Engineering Cluster, as well as the Land Transport Cluster. Concurrently, he is Executive Secretary of the National Transport Workers' Union, and Executive Secretary of the United Workers of Electronics & Electrical Industries. He is also a Trustee of the Union of Security Employees.

Active in industrial relations work, Mr Melvin Yong is Deputy Chairman of the Industrial Workers' Education Training Fund Committee, Secretary of the Industrial Relations Committee (Industrial Sector) and a Member of the Industrial Relations Council. He is also Secretary of the Workplace Safety & Health Committee and a Member of both the NTUC50 Development Fund Management Committee and the Ong Teng Cheong Education Trust Fund Management Committee. Mr Melvin Yong is a Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar Group Representative Constituency (GRC), Chairman of the Tanjong Pagar Town Council, and a Grassroots Adviser to Tanjong Pagar GRC grassroots organisations.



Mr Karl Hamann

Chief Executive Officer
QBE Insurance (Singapore)

Karl Hamann was appointed on 4 March 2014 as Chief Executive Officer of QBE Insurance (Singapore) Pte Ltd. Karl is a veteran in the insurance industry with almost 30 years of working experience in the insurance industry, of which 16 years are spent in Asia.

Prior to his appointment in Singapore, Karl was the Chief Executive Officer of QBE Insurance (Malaysia) Berhad for close to 4 years and was the Regional Operations Manager, Asia in the Singapore's Regional Office from 2006 to 2010, covering QBE's operations in Asia including Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand and Vietnam. Karl was also the President and CEO & Executive Director of QBE Insurance (Philippines) Inc from 2002 to 2005. Karl first joined QBE in 1997 and moved to Asia as a Technical Advisor for QBE Pool Indonesia from 2000 to 2002.

Having worked in Sydney and Asia with strategic and leadership responsibilities in underwriting, claims, distribution and operational roles, Karl has extensive knowledge of the insurance industry both internationally and in the region. Under his strategic leadership in the various QBE's offices in Asia, Karl has made significant contributions in driving business growth and profitability in these markets, and operational efficiency.

Karl holds a Bachelor Degree in Commerce from Deakin University and is a Fellow member of the Australian Insurance Institute. He is also a member of the Management Committee of the General Insurance Association (GIA) of Singapore as well as a Convenor of the GIA's Work Injury Compensation (WIC) Committee.

Moderator's Profile



Mr Patrick Han

Executive Director
Workplace Safety and Health Council

Patrick is the Executive Director of the Workplace Safety and Health Council. Prior to taking on this role in January 2017, he has had years of valuable experience in SATS Limited, serving as its General Manager and Vice President. Patrick has been with SATS Ltd since 2012 and he heads the SATS Security Services Private Limited and supervises a team of 1,000 auxiliary police and security officers. Prior to that, Patrick was serving at the People's Association as the Director of Quality Management Division since 2009 and as the Director of Community Development Council Planning and Development Division since 2003.

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