



## Ho Siong Hin

Workplace Safety and Health  
and Ministry of Manpower

### Program:

### Keynote Speaker

### Biography:

Mr. Ho Siong Hin is the current Commissioner for Workplace Safety and Health, and is also the Divisional Director for the Ministry of Manpower's (MOM) Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Division. He was instrumental in the formation of the WSH Council in which he is a member of the Council.

A Mechanical Engineering graduate from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, Mr. Ho joined MOM in 1982, and held various portfolios, including Deputy Director of Construction, Shipyards and Engineering, Director of Corporate Planning and Divisional Director for Foreign Manpower Management Division. For his contribution to the public service, he received his National Day Awards, PPA (Silver), in 2000.

In 2005, Mr. Ho was appointed to his current position to lead OSH reform in Singapore. During the Ministerial Study Trip to Europe to learn OSH best practices, Mr. Ho played a key role in translating the findings of the study mission to a new OSH framework announced in Parliament in March 2005. His other major OSH developments included the introduction of the new WSH Act in 2006, enhanced capabilities in inspections and investigations, new industry engagement programs such as bizSAFE and ConSASS. He was also instrumental in streamlining processes, such as the simplified factory notification system and iReport, an online reporting system that simplify the reporting of workplace accidents.

Mr. Ho presented many papers on OSH matter, regionally and internationally. He was elected Vice President of International Association of Labour Inspections (IALI) in 2008, and is an active member of the ASEAN OSHNET. In 2007, Mr. Ho chaired the ASEAN Policy Dialogue on implementing OSH Framework among ASEAN member countries.

Mr. Ho is a member of the Professional Engineers Board and Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Chemical Engineering Department of Ngee Ann Polytechnic, and the Singapore Accreditation Council by SPRING, and chairs the Council Committee on Inspection Bodies. He also serves as the Deputy President of the Institution of Engineers Singapore and chairs the membership committee.