The journey towards a garden city

By Mr. Lim Eng Guan

The SMU alumni forum on urban planning and architecture at the Singapore Management University on the 10th of March 2007, a program organized by the SMU alumni association, was attended by over 500 people. The event was moderated by Dr. Tan Chor Kam, deputy director of the Singapore Management University's school of architecture.

The forum was attended by various urban planners and architects, including Mr. Lim Eng Guan, who has been involved in urban planning and architecture for over 30 years. Mr. Lim discussed the current state of urban planning in Singapore and the challenges faced by urban planners and architects in the city.

One of the key challenges discussed was the need for more green spaces in the city. Mr. Lim emphasized the importance of creating more public parks and green spaces in the city to provide residents with a place to relax and unwind.

Another challenge discussed was the need for better public transportation. Mr. Lim highlighted the need for more frequent and efficient public transport options to reduce traffic congestion and encourage people to use public transport.

Overall, Mr. Lim's speech was well-received by the audience, who appreciated his insights and suggestions for improving the city's urban planning and architecture.
National Parks Board's Director of Park Business Mr Chuah Hock Seong spoke to an audience of 300 at the Lien Fung's Colloquium organised by SMU on 22nd March. He shared about the projects and steps which Singapore had taken over the past 40 years in developing the country into a garden city. It is essential for every citizen to be aware of his surroundings and be environmental-friendly so that Singapore can continue to prosper and become a Garden City where people live in harmony.

About Lien Fung's Colloquium
In 2001, Mrs Ho Lien Fung established the Lien Fung's Colloquium at the Singapore Management University, with the aim to enhance public understanding and appreciation of culture and society through lectures, talks and other events. While the topics are not dominated by academe or philosophy, the focus is on everyday life to inspire and satisfy students' as well as the community's quest for a broader knowledge. Also known as "Lien Fung Jiang Zuo", the Colloquium features well-known and thought-provoking speakers and is usually delivered in the speaker's primary language.