

A Community Awareness Programme by Architect Centre at the Bandar Sri Damansara Residents Association, 27 July 2008, Bilik Kiara, Sri Damansara Club

Seminar on “Maintaining, Improving and Protecting Your Home”

Architect Anthony Lee started off the session with the topic “Common Defects in Malaysian Homes”. Slides of common defects found in Malaysian homes were shown with discussion on causes of such defects and their recommended solutions.

Architect PK Lim presented his talk on “Renovation & Building By-Laws” showed pictures that he took just in one short afternoon driving round Bangsar area of illegal building and extensions done. Renovations are sometimes carried out without consulting the professionals especially with regards to compliance with Building By-laws or safety issues. “Besides not being able to sell your house because you do not have a Certificate of Fitness, in the event of fire or mishaps, insurances may not be claimed against damages.” cautioned Lim.



Providing the residents with useful practical Home Maintenance Tips in his Tim Allen styled talk, Ar. Alvin Gan reiterated that “Investing in periodic home maintenance and safety can pay off in peace of mind, utility cost savings, durability and even resale value.”



Architect Alvin Gan wows the residents with his D-I-Y techniques and toolkits

The residents were very participative by asking lots of questions as the talks provided by the professional Architects progressed into building issues – quality issues, appropriate costs for repair and maintenance, safety aspects as well as legalities in carrying out renovations.

It is very common in Malaysia where house-buyers and home-owners normally seek contractors advice due to their accessibility and not Architects for professional advice. “Nowadays, we even seek freelance Bangladeshi/Indonesians to carry out home repairs. As a result, we may be ill-informed and over-charged by unqualified agents” cautioned Ar. Anthony Lee, Architect Centre’s accredited inspector and trainer.

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