

## IFSC 2017 - Convention Programme

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### Day 1 - 18 November (Saturday) - Ballroom

08:30	09:30	<i>Registration and Arrival, Coffee and Networking</i>	
09:30	09:45	<b>President's Speech - Mr Darren Ng</b>	
09:45	09:50	<b>Ribbon Cutting Ceremony</b>	
09:50	10:00	<b>Master Accreditation Awards</b>	
10:00	10:30	<b>Ms Wanda Teo, Secretary Department of Tourism</b>	Keynote Speech
10:30	11:20	<b>GM Tan Khoon Yong &amp; Master Goh Guan Leong</b>  Feng Shui in Modern Interior design: a Symphony of Art	Interior Feng Shui is just as important as exterior Feng Shui. Likewise, it is also crucial to note that residential Feng Shui differs from commercial Feng Shui. In this presentation, Grand Master Tan Khoon Yong and Master Goh Guan Leong reveal how a home's design and facing should complement the homeowner's <i>Bazi</i> for optimal Feng Shui. Urban interior design types provide insight on how each style benefits or is incongruous with an individual's Day Master. Thereafter, the Feng Shui practitioners from Way Feng Shui Group talk about auspicious directions for Periods 8 and 9, as well as wealth and <i>Tao Hua</i> directions. Other theories such as the taboo of having three doors in a straight line (穿心煞) are examined. Lastly, practical solutions to various scenarios where <i>sha qi</i> is present are suggested by Grand Master Tan and Master Goh.
11:30	12:20	<b>GM Vincent Koh</b>  Reading the Chinese Almanac: its structure & history	The <i>Almanac</i> is known amongst the Chinese as the <i>Tong Shu</i> . It is also known as "The Book of Everything." The <i>Tong Shu</i> has a legendary history spanning more than 4,000 years. Almost every Chinese household will have a copy, and they believe that it is kept for good luck and protection against spirits because one section of the book contains Talismans. The <i>Almanac</i> is also a reference book for most Feng Shui practitioners, mainly for selecting auspicious dates to hold a wedding, funeral, construction, starting a new job, etc. Every year, more than one million copies of the <i>Tong Shu</i> are sold worldwide. Presently, the annual compilation and publication of the astronomical calendar is carried out by two groups of renowned astrologers from Hong Kong and Taiwan. GM Vincent Koh will share with you, why the <i>Almanac</i> is popular till today and what are the other relevant contents that are important for Feng Shui practice.
12:30	14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00	14:45	<b>GM Stephen Skinner</b>  The Integration of different Feng Shui methods	There are so many different Schools and methods used in Feng Shui, from Eight Mansion and Flying Star, San He and San Yuan, to Qi Men Dun Jia and Xuan Kong Da Gua, that it is not always possible to know which is most appropriate for a particular problem. In this talk GM Stephen Skinner will resolve some of these confusions, and identify places when you should (or should not) apply particular methods.

14:50	15:35	<b>GM Raymond Lo</b> Modern Qi Men Dun Jia.	Qi Men Dun Jia is one of the most respected ancient divination arts. It is said to have been invented at the time of the Yellow Emperor in 2600 BC in his battle against the monster Chi You. This famous art was used as war strategy in the famous battle of Red Cliff in 208 AD. In the modern world, we can employ this amazing ancient technique as an effective tool to understand a problematic situation and enhance the chance of successes. This lecture will explain the background and methods of Qi Men practices and demonstrate with examples how Qi Men can assist in handling problems in career, relationship and legal litigations, etc. It will also introduce the mysterious and fascinating Daoist Yin Dun Jia methods.
15:40	16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00	16:45	<b>Master Jacek Kryg</b> The role of the <i>Yijing</i> in Xuan Kong Da Gua	The <i>Yijing</i> is one of the oldest and the most important books in the world. In understanding the <i>Book of Changes</i> we learn the foundation of everything that comes from China. The knowledge of yin and yang, and the meaning of trigrams and hexagrams is the base of much of Chinese metaphysics, and hence of Feng Shui. One of the most advanced Feng Shui methods is Xuan Kong Da Gua (XKDG), which helps to unite time and space. Every unit of time and every geographical position has its own hexagram. XKDG helps to bring together these units and their hexagrams.
16:50	17:35	<b>Master Marites Allen</b> Feng Shui Fashion: in ancient China and modern day	Feng Shui, as practice it today, has the ability to bring prosperity, health, and happiness to those who use it. Master Marites Allen shows how symbology in this ancient tradition celebrates beauty and artistry and how it can be applied effectively and timelessly in enhancing various life aspects. She will be talking about Hollywood actors, movies and how even top fashion houses use the concept of auspicious fashion. Looking further back she examines the changes in dress styles and colours over different Chinese dynasties. She explains how the symbolism of this discipline also has parallels with ancient Egyptian traditions, and shares interesting discoveries from her travels to Egypt and Central Asia, especially the ancient petroglyphs in Kyrgyzstan which fuelled her to do further research on the similarities in life enhancement practices in the Egyptian and Chinese cultures. She will show how the Egyptians used a variety of images very much like Chinese amulets and specific symbols used on their jewellery, clothing, and accessories for protection and other purposes.
<b>End of Day 1</b>			

<b>Day 2 - 19 November 2017 (Sunday)</b>			
		<b>Ballroom 1</b>	<b>Ballroom 2</b>
09:00	09:30	<i>Registration and Arrival, Coffee and Networking</i>	
09:30	10:15	<b>Dr Jin Peh</b>	<b>Master Fiona Hawkins</b>
		<b>Four Pillars of Destiny Celebrity Charts: an Alternative Look</b> The Four Pillars of Destiny, or Eight	<b>Discovering Feng Shui Forests</b> This talk introduces a unique landscape feature found in southern China and introduced to Hong Kong over the centuries by waves of migrants setting up villages using Feng Shui principles.

		<p>Characters of Birth, is a system that is widely used by Chinese metaphysicians to ascertain the personality, career, family relationships, favourable and negative periods for an individual. This talk will introduce a different perspective on interpreting a Four Pillars chart, where the overall pattern or flow of the birth charts is identified and then related back to the Day Master. The talk will introduce a classification of the chart into six major groups and the ranking of each element in the context of this classification. The theory will be backed up through the use of current chart examples of famous individuals.</p>	<p>Feng Shui Woods are complex entities, combining Feng Shui landscape principles, spiritual beliefs and centuries of experience living with and farming the land and environment. For too long they have not been fully valued or understood outside the traditional Hakka villages, resulting in encroachment and destruction by the rapid development of Hong Kong, and the village residents' relocation to the city centre or overseas. Today they are being seen as a window on the past, living history, being mapped and studied for their cultural heritage in both Southern China and Hong Kong. Many have been listed for protection due to their heritage and scientific value. We can learn a great deal from the villagers who planted, maintained and treasured these woodlands.</p>
10:20	11:05	<p><b>Master Esra Koyunco</b></p>	<p><b>Hanz Cua</b></p>
		<p><b>The Impact of Landforms on People</b> Have you ever wondered what can help to generate inspiration, wisdom and a satisfactory life full of good health, abundance and harmony? Feng Shui can be supplemented by a holistic approach, where you need to analyze the sun, the light, the soil and the landform surrounding your home. This study focuses on the Anatolian region, which nurtured many ancient civilisations.</p>	<p><b>Palm Reading as an adjunct to Feng Shui</b> Palm Reading is one of the methods used to know a person's personality, fortune and future by analyzing his/her palm lines. Palm Reading is also called Chiromancy and may have begun in India before spreading to other countries like China, Tibet, Egypt, and Persia, etc. It came to China around 3,000 B.C. What can you expect in this lecture? Master Hanz will teach you a simple and easy way to analyze palm lines, and how this knowledge can enhance your Feng Shui practice.</p>
11:10	11:55	<p><b>Master Petra Coll Exposito</b></p>	<p><b>Master Cristina Groza</b></p>
		<p><b>Chinese Astrology and Feng Shui</b> This talk is an approach to applying Feng Shui to improve human luck by using the favourable elements of Chinese Astrology. Of course, the horoscope and the course of time cannot be changed but the 5 Elements can be related to the cardinal directions and activated accordingly. We become sick when the 5 Elements of our body are out of balance. The same happens when our life becomes chaotic; the 5 Elements of our life are then out of balance. With this method it is possible to improve the luck of a person by adjusting and using the Elements from Chinese Astrology by tuning them exactly for this special person. Furthermore, it is a very useful alternative to apply when all the traditional Feng Shui measurements and techniques cannot be realised. This talk demonstrates the 24 directional energies of all the locations and directions for each of the 5 Elements. It will be accompanied by examples.</p>	<p><b>Using Bazi and Feng Shui to improve relationships</b> Relationships maybe one of the most complicated subjects to talk about, yet one of the most discussed and most desired. We have an abundance of books on this subject, specialists, coaches, blogs, sites, TV shows and radio shows, that try to cover it and solve its mysteries, and yet, there is something that is still missing. Are relationships just a matter of love and attraction? Is it an art in getting and keeping a relationship, or is there more to it? The scientists haven't figured out yet why we fall in love with certain persons beyond the chemical attraction, and why some relationships seem to just go with the flow and work out naturally while others are filled with turbulence. Is it just the human factor or there are other influences that touch our relationships? Fortunately Feng Shui explains how the energies in our living space can affect our behaviour with others and gives us solutions to harmonise those energies by applying the proper remedies, while <i>Bazi</i> helps us to understand these human interactions on a deeper level, and helps us to find the proper keys for bringing harmony to our relationships.</p>
12:00	13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:30	14:15	<p><b>Master Jen Stone</b></p>	<p><b>Master SBS Surendran</b></p>

		<p><b>Feng Shui Fallacies</b>  There are many different styles and schools of Feng Shui? In fact, Classical Feng Shui is notoriously misunderstood. The many “New Age” gimmick schools that promote the incorrect dissemination of information have contributed to the widespread misconception that Feng Shui is a religious, spiritual, and/or esoteric practice, rather than a logical, systematic, and objective discipline similar to Traditional Chinese Medicine. The western approach to over-simplify Feng Shui has not only compromised the integrity of the knowledge, but as a result, many people have become sceptical – even fearful – of embracing the knowledge and practice of Feng Shui in their everyday life.  In this talk, Master Jen Stone intends to reverse these fallacies and show what authentic Feng Shui is, and how Feng Shui – when applied correctly – can be used to effectively help improve the energy of your space and your life.</p>	<p><b>Garden Feng Shui: Wind, Water and Tranquility</b>  Since times immemorial gardens, flowers and fauna have had a close relationship with human life, our emotions and well being. Gardens, flowers, sculptures and flowing water not only add to the serenity and tranquility of the human mind and soul but also promote a continuous flow of <i>sheng qi</i>.  The art of designing gardens has been sacred in many civilizations. The ancient gardens of China and Japan reveal the finer aspects and subtle nuances of good garden Feng Shui. Adapting such designs to modern times would be beneficial to ensure a flow of <i>sheng qi</i> in and around our place of dwelling. The initial observation and understanding of the Feng Shui of a place can be ascertained from examining its immediate flora and fauna. This presentation will take you from ancient times to modern times with a brief insight into the importance of flowers and their meaning, and will conclude with an analysis of energy changes in our environment produced by good garden design.</p>
14:20	15:05	<p><b>Princess Lim Fernandez</b></p>	<p><b>Master Yap Boh Chu</b></p>
		<p><b>Using Feng Shui to Select a Commercial Site</b>  Commercial sites range from restaurants, coffeehouses, salons, shops, department stores, boutiques, showrooms, to service centres, etc. Successful business cities like Hong Kong and Singapore have been utilizing Feng Shui in their space design and many have attributed the commercial success of these cities to that. Princess Lim Fernandez will discuss how to use Feng Shui to select a commercial site best suited for the business purpose and its owners. Most of the time, especially for commercial spaces there are built-in constraints such as zoning, availability, and other requirements. Get some insight into checking the surroundings, planning the space, and tapping into good energies to maximize the space’s potential and increase the commercial success of the client.</p>	<p><b>San He Fundamentals</b>  San He Feng Shui translates as Three Harmony Feng Shui: using the three Harmonies of Dragon, Water and Mountain to create good Feng Shui. The Three Harmonies of Dragon, Water and Mountain refer to the Dragon as the source of the good <i>qi</i>; Water to control the <i>qi</i> and the Sitting Mountain (or Facing Direction) to tap into this auspicious formation. As San He is environmentally based, it is less prone to time changes than Xuan Kong methods, giving a longer lasting effect.</p>
15:10	15:55	<p><b>Master Tyler Rowe</b></p>	<p><b>Master Viktoriia Khilinich</b></p>
		<p><b>The Measurements of Ancient Chinese Cosmology: Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches</b>  The Ten Heavenly Stems and the Twelve Earthly Branches constitute some of the oldest known Chinese characters in existence. Despite their somewhat obscure origins and abstract meanings, they have managed to permeate every aspect of modern Feng Shui and Fate Calculation in use today. This</p>	<p><b>Effect of the Five Elements on Health</b>  What is the interaction of the 5 Elements on the human body and its consciousness? The shape of the body and physical limits are determined by our own Four Pillars. The most important analysis points relate to health on the practice. Influence of the Luck Pillars on upcoming years, month and days. The role of the impact of seasonal cycles throughout the year. Examples of peoples’ state of health where there is redundancy or insufficiency of the 5 Elements in the birth chart. Advantages and disadvantages of <i>Bazi</i> and <i>Qi Men Dun Jia</i></p>

		presentation will examine the history and formation of these ancient logographs. Their symbolism and correlations in context of philosophical systems and metaphysical methods will be investigated. Some of the more common practices of the Stems and Branches will be revisited, along with a few rarer uses, to 'shine a lantern' on their contemporary application.	analysis in determining expected recovery or death. The key patterns which reveal when the patient's health is in greatest danger. Evaluating survival chances using <i>Bazi</i> and <i>Qi Men Dun Jia</i> methods. The difference between the types of damage caused by obvious climatic factors, and those caused by hidden the cosmic influences of the 5 Elements in the upcoming year. How to defeat the limits of destiny, or make youthfulness last longer.
16:00	16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:30	17:00	<p><b>Master Aparna Agarwal</b></p> <p>How the International Feng Shui Association supports its members</p>	It is said that when we strengthen a system, the system in turn strengthens us. This presentation aims to convey how the International Feng Shui Association can play a key role in strengthening the knowledge and practice of Professional Feng Shui practitioners, as well as act as the perfect platform for initiating others interested in diving into the vast sea of Chinese Metaphysics. How studying Feng Shui enables you to make a valuable contribution towards the enhancement of this science and the Feng Shui community in general.
17:00	17:45	<p><b>Master Janene Laird</b></p> <p>Feng Shui pointers for the coming year 2018</p>	<p>The solar Year of the Earth Dog (戊戌) commences on the 4th February 2018. The Dog is the 11<sup>th</sup> sign in the Chinese Zodiac and considered to be an honest, intelligent and loyal animal. According to the <i>Hsia Calendar</i>, the year is also characterised by the Heavenly Stem of Yang Earth (戊) on top of the Earthly Branch of the Earth Dog (戌). This double, primary influence of the Earth element suggests a year of more positive change with an increased focus on social awareness.</p> <p>But how will these influences affect you personally and what can you do to prepare yourself, your family and your clients? If you would like to learn more, then this preview for the Year of the Yang Earth Dog will help you make the most of the energies and influences that lay ahead in 2018.</p>
17:50	18:00	<b>President's Closing Ceremony &amp; Speakers' Presentations</b>	
19:00	23:30	<b>Gala Dinner</b>	
<b>End of Day 2</b>			