

SIP Mentorship Programme 2025: Where Great Planning Begins with Great People



What happens when you bring together Singapore's top planning minds and the brightest rising talents? Magic! and lots of meaningful conversations!

On the evening of 8 May 2024, the Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP) launched its Mentorship Programme 2025 with a heartwarming and inspiring gathering at the elegant lobby of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers.

Against the backdrop of city models and creative energy, the event brought together mentors, mentees, and a shared conviction that great planning is not just about designing cities, but about nurturing the people who shape them.

This year, the programme welcomes **13 esteemed mentors**, representing a rich spectrum of expertise across the built environment industry. Hailing from organisations such as **URA, JTC, Surbana Jurong, CBRE, CPG Corporation, Henning Larsen | Ramboll, ARUP, AECOM, and Worley**, our mentors have generously committed their time to guide, challenge, and support the next generation of planners. Special thanks to **Ms. Fun Siew Leng**, Chief Urban Designer of URA, for her inspiring presence and unwavering support for young planners.



Joining them are **21 bright and passionate mentees**, representing both public and private sectors, from **HDB, URA, JTC**, and firms like **RSP, Henning Larsen, WATG, and Meinhardt**, to students from leading institutions such as **NUS, NTU, SUTD, and UCL**. Each mentee brings a unique background, but all share a deep curiosity and drive to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to the profession.



The evening began with welcome remarks by SIP Council Members and our guest leaders **Mr. Djoko Prihanto**, President of SIP and Director at DP Urban, and **Mr. Beh Swee Chiew**, CEO of RSP who spoke about the importance of mentorship as a bridge between experience and aspiration, between legacy and future.

What followed was not just an introduction, but the beginning of new friendships and professional journeys. Through interactive icebreakers and lively conversations over refreshments, the event sparked honest exchanges, shared laughter, and thoughtful reflection, setting the tone for a mentorship year rooted in connection, curiosity, and collaboration.



The SIP Mentorship Programme 2025 reaffirms our belief that the future of planning lies in people - in those who are willing to listen, guide, learn, and grow together.