

The Premise of Friday Conversations

Origins – How it all Started

It all started during lunch-hour at Palms Bistro at 60 Anson Road, on the 18th February 2023.

5 friends met and had a great Discussion:



Left to right, Clock-wise: Leong Mun Wai, Tay Kheng Soon, Chen Siow-Mao, Alex Tan, Michael Chua

Out of the discussion came a decision to form a Group: Friday Conversations.

The Mission of Friday Conversations:

To Create an AUTONOMOUS and INDEPENDENT Group that seeks to get Feedback from Experts in their fields; to discuss and formulate ideas on local social-economic issues; impact of regional geo-politics on Singapore and publicise these ideas to interested parties in Singapore.

Objectives:

1. To host bi-weekly discussions at Palms Bistro, located at 60 Anson Road
2. Attendees may be from Social Activists Group, Political Parties, etc. But when they are attending, will be attending as Individuals and participating in their own Capacity.
3. The Friday Conversations Group is AUTONOMOUS, INDEPENDENT AND NON-PARTISAN, so that we can have FREE Discussions, unincumbered by Political Agenda.
4. The Sessions will be Recorded, then Edited down to 20mins and finally posted on YouTube for all to View.
5. Members are encouraged to publicise the Friday Discussions, as well as to Share the YouTube links once they have been made available.

Structure and Roles of Friday Conversations Committee

The Committee is made up of 4 people.

Professor Tay Kheng Soon and Alex Tan Tiong Hee are the Co-Convenors of Friday Conversations (FC). They are also the Co-Founders of FC Group.

Prof Tay will be the Main Moderator for all Discussions.

Alex Tan will be Moderator of the FC Chatgroup in WhatsApp

Tan Tee Seng will be responsible for Video recording and Editing of the FC Discussions

Alfred Hong will be secretary and recorder of Minutes for Meeting of Committee as well as preparing the Draft of Upcoming Events and Speakers, which will be approved and finalised by all members of the Committee.

Alfred Hong will also assist in IT and technical aspects of FC events.