



## **MR. LOKE GIM TAY**

Born in Penang, Malaysia in 1958, he studied in Union Institute, then Chung Ling High School. He then graduated, in 1983, in Building & Estate Management from the University of Singapore under Singapore Government Sponsorship. He then went on to serve in the Singapore Ministry of National Development.

In 1991, he started his own business with a company specialized in the design and manufacturing of high-tech glass system for protection against high temperature, radiation and explosion. Headquartered in Singapore, he has grown his business to cover Japan, Belgium and South East Asia.

Besides business and an entrepreneurial spirit, he is active in community service, arts and education. He is the honorable president of Chung Ling High School (Singapore) Alumni, Deputy President of Federation of Chinese School Alumni Association and Deputy Chairman of Singapore China Friendship Association, actively promoting Chinese arts and education.

Among his art collections is the famous Romance of Three Kingdom in oil. He also collects major masterpieces of Chinese brush ink painting by Master Ang Swee Hin of Penang, water colours and orchid Series by Khaw Sia of Penang, oil painting on kampong scene by Tan Peng Hooi, water colour on Heritage Kampong House and lifestyle by Khor Ean Ghee.

He was invited by Ministry of Culture, China to exhibit his collection of The Romance of Three Kingdom and Chinese brush ink painting by Ang Swee Seng in the renowned Millennium Monument, Beijing. For his contribution towards Chinese Arts, he was awarded “Honorable Member of the Art Appraisal” by the Ministry of Culture, China.

He is also a collector of heritage buildings in Penang. Amongst these are rare and precious ones such as the former British council building (once office of German Hegemeyer in early 1900), the Nam Wah at Chulia Street and many other great architectural masterpieces of colonial lineage. Loke, as popularly referred to, is well recognized by both the arts and education communities in Singapore, Malaysia and China.