

The Year in Review Highlights

April 2005

Launch of Pulau Ubin Conservation and Management Plans

The Pulau Ubin Conservation and Management Plans were unveiled by Mr Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, at Pulau Ubin on 29 April. The plans include amenities for Chek Jawa, a mountain biking park at Ketam Quarry and a new campsite at Jalan Jelutong.

May 2005

Launch of new Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage

The new Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage was launched by Mr Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development. Developed at a cost of \$2 million, the visually exciting organic form of the Stage has also been fitted with a wider performance area, improved acoustics, stage lighting and back-of-house facilities.

Launch of the Marine Fish Programme

The Marine Fish Programme was launched by Prof Leo Tan, Chairman, NParks. The Programme seeks to generate awareness of marine fish life at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve through informational signages, exhibitions and printed guide materials.

Launch of “Forest Trees of Bukit Timah”

“Forest Trees of Bukit Timah”, a book based on a long-term project by Centre for Tropical Forest Science of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, National Institute of Education and NParks, was launched by Mr Lim Swee Say¹, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office.

June 2005

Visit by Governor-General of New Zealand

Dendrobium Silvia Cartwright was named after Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General of New Zealand, to commemorate her visit to the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 30 June.

July 2005

Naming of *Vanda* IOC

The *Vanda* IOC was named to commemorate the 117th

International Olympic Committee Session that was held in Singapore. This subtle yet brilliant hybrid claims its proud lineage from Singapore’s national flower, the *Vanda* Miss Joaquim.

Visit by Mrs Dobrev Klara

Dendrobium Gyurcsany Ferenc “Dobrev Klara” was named after Mrs Dobrev Klara, the wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of her visit to the National Orchid Garden, Botanic Gardens on 19 July.

August 2005

Visit by Mrs Genevieve Lamy

Mrs Genevieve Lamy, wife of Mr Pascal Lamy, Director-General, World Trade Organisation, visited the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 15 August.

September 2005

Preview of Singapore Garden Festival

Plans for the inaugural Singapore Garden Festival 2006 were announced by Mr Lim Swee Say¹, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office. The five-day preview of the Festival showcased a garden display complete with special lighting effects by award-winning garden designer Jim Fogarty.

October 2005

Unveiling of HSBC Care-for-Nature TreeTop Walk Stamp Series and “TreeTop Trail @ MacRitchie”

The HSBC Care-For-Nature TreeTop Walk Stamp Series was unveiled by Minister of State for Health, Mr Heng Chee How², at MacRitchie Forest on 15 October. The event also marked the launch of “TreeTop Trail @ MacRitchie” a guidebook which highlights the unique attributes of the plants and animals found along the trail.

Launch of Tanjong Pagar Ricoh Park

The Tanjong Pagar Ricoh Park was officially launched by Mr Charles Ho, Chairman of the Garden City Fund. This inviting haven marks the first time a corporation (Ricoch Asia Pacific Pte Ltd) has partnered the Garden City Fund in developing a pocket park for urban dwellers and workers.

Top Left

Minister Mah viewing details of the Pulau Ubin Conservation and Management Plans.

Top Right

NParks Chairman Prof Leo Tan presenting Minister Lim Swee Say with “Forest Trees of Bukit Timah”.

Middle Left

Dendrobium Silvia Cartwright was named after Her Excellency Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General of New Zealand.

Middle Right

Minister Lim Swee Say viewing the special garden display at the preview of the Singapore Garden Festival.

Bottom Left

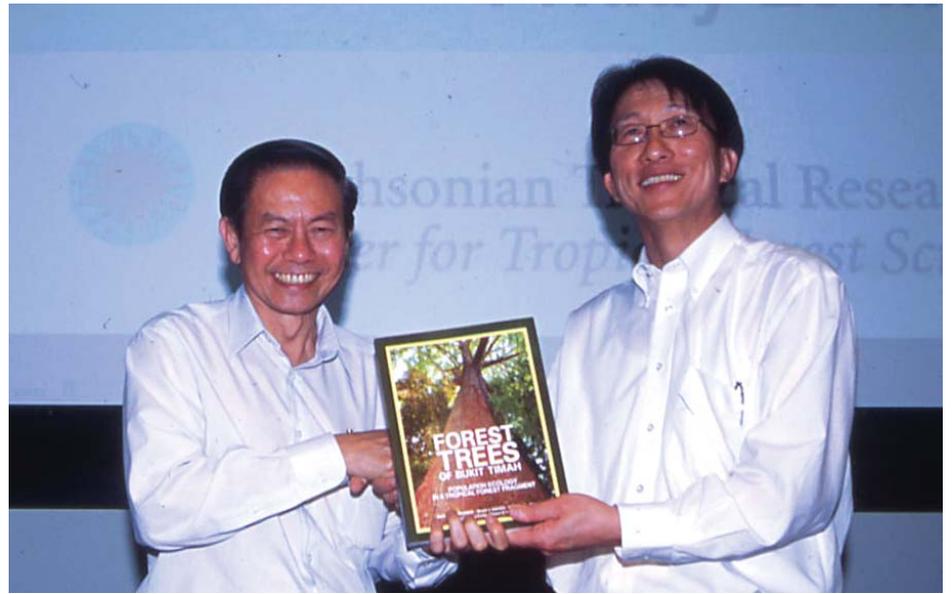
Mr Heng Chee How², Minister of State for Health, at the launch of the HSBC Care-For-Nature TreeTop Walk Stamp Series.

Bottom Right

Vanda IOC

¹ Then Second Minister for National Development

² Then Minister of State for National Development






The world's local bank

Unveiling of HSBC TreeTop Walk Stamp Series



Guest-of-Honour: Mr Heng Chee How,
 Minister of State for National Development,
 Mayor, Central Singapore CDC





Top Left

Minister Mah planting a *Pouteria obovata* at Bedok Reservoir Park during Clean and Green Week.

Top Right

Minister Mah, accompanied by Dr Kiat W. Tan, officially launched the International Design Competition for Gardens by the Bay.

Middle Left

His Majesty Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XII of Malaysia, with NParks' Dr Kiat W. Tan.

Middle Right

Minister Lim Swee Say launching one-north Park.

Bottom Left

Mr Veera Sekaran, Assistant Director, Manpower Development, received a trophy from Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in recognition of NParks' efforts in upgrading the Landscape Industry in Singapore.

Bottom Right

Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew launching the Alexandra Park Connector and Canal.

November 2005**Clean & Green Week 2005**

Clean & Green Week 2005 saw a multitude of events held at four parks – Bedok Reservoir Park, West Coast Park, Zhenghua Park and Bishan Park – over two days. Bedok Reservoir featured a carnival, the “Community In Bloom” Awards, mass gardening and outdoor activities. West Coast Park saw pony rides, mass plantings, a “grafitti art” competition and floral exhibitions. Residents around Zhenghua Park planted more than 300 trees, and took in the fresh outdoor air with a mass walk and a cyclathon. Over at Bishan Park, residents potted plants to bring a bit of nature into their homes and took a brisk morning walk to enjoy the greenery in their midst.

December 2005**Visit by First Lady of Madagascar**

Singapore Botanic Gardens was graced by the presence of Mrs Lalao Ravalomana, First Lady of Madagascar, on 6 December.

January 2006**Launch of Gardens by the Bay International Design Competition**

Mr Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, launched the Gardens by the Bay International Design Competition for top local and international landscape architects, architects and planners to create three iconic gardens by the Singapore waterfront. The 94-ha Gardens will fan out across interconnected waterways around Marina Bay. These will have links to several urban nodes offering a diversity of activities, recreational options and entertainment in a garden setting.

Visit by The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XII of Malaysia

Spathoglottis Syed Sirajuddin was named after His Majesty Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XII of Malaysia, during his visit to the National Orchid Garden on 25 January.

February 2006**Launch of one-north Park**

one-north Park was launched by Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Mr Lim Swee Say. A key component of the one-north masterplan, the Park provides a comfortable green space for residents of Buona Vista area to “live, work, play and learn” in. The Park will test-bed innovative park technologies such as a wireless mesh technology service and personal transporters.

NParks Receives Job Re-creation Programme Award

At a ceremony held on February 24, NParks was recognised by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong for its efforts in re-creating jobs for Singaporeans in the Landscape Industry.

Visit by President of the Republic of Lithuania

His Excellency Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania, visited the National Orchid Garden on 23 February. *Dendrobium* Valdas Adamkus was named in his honour.

Launch of Alexandra Park Connector and Canal

February 26 saw the launch of Alexandra Park Connector and Canal by Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew. Stretching from Tanglin Road to Zion Road, this 1.8-km park connector features facilities such as a fitness corner and shelters.

March 2006**Visit by King of Cambodia**

Dendrobium Norodom Sihamoni was named after the King of Cambodia, His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, during his visit to the National Orchid Garden, Botanic Gardens on 30 March.