Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) hosted its 11th biennial Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAAwards) Ceremony & Gala Dinner on 8 September 2017 at Raffles City Convention Centre. Graced by Guest-of-Honour, Minister, Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and National Development, Mr. Desmond Lee, the Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAAwards) 2017 showcases the best of Singapore’s landscape architects, setting new benchmarks in design and celebrating best practices in landscape architecture.

SILA’s award honours the best landscape architects in the country, which also serves as a platform to elevate Singapore’s City in a Garden vision. The Association received applications from a total of 57 projects from 20 registered practices through a rigorous two-stage judging process into six categories, including Commercial Buildings, Hotels and Resorts, Institutions, Master Planning, Parks and Public Spaces, and Residential. A total of 44 awards were given out, including:

- Outstanding Award of Excellence: 3 Winners
- Gold Award: 10 Winners
- Silver Award: 10 Winners
- Merit Award: 21 Winners

The international panel of jury consisted of 15 esteemed industry experts from more than ten countries, comprising of landscape architecture associations, members of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, as well as renowned landscape practitioners, bringing the regional landscape fraternity together, and allowing local works to be recognised on a larger international platform.

“This biennial event, Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards, celebrates and showcases exemplary projects that Singapore’s landscape architects engage in, both locally and regionally. The varied scale of landscape architects’ works range from large scale master planning to intimate private landscapes, and transitions from the aesthetics to ecological emphasis, caring and designing not just for us but also for the other flora and fauna that we share the environment with. This year’s entries and winners show a strong priority in their design for urban ecology, conservation and stormwater water management design. Infusing our city with a mosaic of green and blue, layered with a richness of species and creating delightful spaces for all of us.” Ronnie Tan, President SILA.
Outstanding Award of Excellence

**ENABLING VILLAGE**
*Institution*

An inspiring rehabilitation project which not only created sensitively curated space for people with special needs but also an inviting landscape for the neighbouring residents. The landscape design is the key factor attributing to its successful transformation as a repurposing project of existing buildings. It is a highly encouraging attempt in the design of a naturalistic and ecological landscape with low maintenance. Limited by a tight budget, the team’s resourcefulness and attention to detail pushed the boundaries to develop an impressively humanistic environment for what could have been a mundane, typical landscape. The transformation from what it was before is astounding.

**WATERWAY RIDGES @ PUNGGOL**
*Residential*

Capitalising on the initial constraints of the site, the project turned its topography challenge into opportunity for a functional and performance landscape integrated with programmes for recreation and community use. The water sensitive urban design strategy dramatises the abundant rainfall in Singapore and demonstrates how through such a design strategy water can be cleaned naturally and its discharge slowed down and enjoyed as a temporal waterbody. Close collaboration between key stakeholders and disciplines resulted in an outstanding landscape design for public housing at a precinct level which is open and inviting.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT KRAJNI MARSHES**
*Parks and Public Spaces*

The project stuck close to its design intent and delivered a biodiversity haven which conserves and protects the ecological character of the site. The landscape architect demonstrated a good understanding of the ecology which resulted in a non-intrusive approach which aims to rehabilitate the site with a light touch. The simple bridge, humble looking classroom, nestled sculptures and other subtle details, all added a splash of delight as visitors explore the park. The attention to details and choice material is highly commendable. The engagement of artists in creating chalk sketches of the fauna as part of the interpretive signage amplified the richness of the educational experience.
Gold Awards

SOUTH BEACH DEVELOPMENTS
Commercial Buildings

A well conceived plan with emphasis on integrating architecture and landscape based on understanding the environmental factors. The landscape design and plants palette have cleverly considered the height and proportion of the spaces, including its architecture. Different landscape strategies from vertical green wall, courtyards plantings, corner refuge to rooftop greenery have been deployed to provide a continuous landscape experience.

BANYAN TREE YANGSHUO RESORT
Hotels & Resorts

The design has fully grasped and understood the cultural and historical background of the site and translated it into a splendid design. Strong cultural heritage preservation is evidential in the landscape gestures and design such as the interpretation of the rice terrace as planting terrace. The landscape presented simple but bold strokes of art inspired from its surrounding.

OASIA (DOWNTOWN) HOTEL
Hotels & Resorts

A daring attempt by the architect and landscape architect to successfully create a new typology of a high density mixed use urban development bringing green architecture to new heights. The landscape is controlled yet organic which changes the building facades as it evolves. With a limited footprint, the landscape architect has made full use of the plantable spaces and grew its landscape beyond limitations. It is showing the way forward for green facade in a tropical high density urban environment.

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU) - PIONEER AND CRESCENT HALLS
Institutions

An excellent scheme that optimised every opportunity for a naturalised drainage system to create a haven for students to commune with each other and nature. From ground level garden to pockets of skyrise greenery, to the curated marshland garden and cascading streams, this project emerged to be an excellent refuge and a hidden oasis for the students. This is a good illustration of a biophilic urban landscape.
NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE
Institutions

With a project that consists of 2 monuments in an urban setting, it is highly commendable that greenery features strongly where opportunities are available. Green walls are used to stunning effect. The restraint shown in the landscape along St Andrew’s Road shows sensitivity to the historic context yet exudes a class of elegance and refreshment. A well considered and sophisticated landscape design.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AT GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Institutions

A commendable project which optimised a left-over space for learning and exploring through water sensitive design features. The landscape architect created excellent layering and depth through suitable choice of plant and grading. The result was an unexpected gem created in the humble backyard of the school.

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING CROSSINGS ALONG THE KALLANG PARK CONNECTOR FROM BISHAN TO CITY
Master Planning

The master plan went in depth to understand the challenges and constraints of the sites along Kallang River. The focus on connectivity is commendable. Interesting concepts for crossings were proposed and some of which could become landmarks or icons of the sites.
SINO-SINGAPORE FRIENDSHIP PARK, TIANJIN ECO-CITY
Master Planning

Building a park over salt marsh is an ambitious plan. The design aims to integrate a diverse program to address the environmental, educational and cultural demands. The sensitive manipulation of topography and creative use of WSUD features is commendable.

WINDSOR NATURE PARK
Parks and Public Spaces

Windsor Nature Park presented a simple design scheme through sound biodiversity enhancement approach and landscape strategies to bring nature and people together. The landscape intervention is rooted in the understanding of the rain forest structure and its evolution, bringing high level of thought and consideration for the curated walking trails. The park is well organised with themes to both educate and enhance the experience of the nature walk, allow visitors to optimise their experience from forest to wetland.

PUNGGOL WATERWAY TERRACES
Residential

It is evident that taking an integrative approach between architecture and landscape right from its conception reaps excellent benefits for residents and the public for this waterfront development. The lush landscape pervades the entire development making high density living an attractive option. Diverse plant choice and varying tree forms created a series of interesting spaces that enhances the lushness of the courtyard and terrace spaces.
Winning Entries for Outstanding Award of Excellence

Institutions
Project Name Enabling Village
Landscape Architects
Salad Dressing Pte Ltd

Parks and Public Spaces
Project Name Environmental Improvement Project at Kranji Marshes
Landscape Architects
Stephen Caffyn Landscape Design

Residential
Project Name Waterway Ridges @ Punggol
Landscape Architects
Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd

Winning Entries from the Institutions Category
Gold
Project Name Nanyang Technological University (NTU) - Pioneer And Crescent Halls
Landscape Architects
STX Landscape Architects
Project Name National Gallery Singapore
Landscape Architects
ICN Design International Pte Ltd
Project Name Outdoor Experiential Learning at Greenridge Primary School
Landscape Architects
Greenearth Consultants Pte Ltd

Silver
Project Name Afiniti, Medini
Landscape Architects
Grant Associates Singapore
Project Name Capitol
Landscape Architects
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Merit
Project Name Cibis Masterplan and Tower 9
Landscape Architects
Broadway Malyan Asia Pte Ltd
Project Name HillV2 & The Hillier
Landscape Architects
Tinderbox Pte Ltd

Winning Entries from the Commercial Building Category
Gold
Project Name South Beach Development
Landscape Architects
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Landscape Architects
AEcom Singapore Pte Ltd
Project Name Oasis (Downtown) Hotel
Landscape Architects
STX Landscape Architects

Silver
Project Name Shangri-La
Landscape Architects
ICN Design International Pte Ltd
Project Name St. Regis
Landscape Architects
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Merit
Project Name Good Shepherd
Landscape Architects
Ong&Ong Pte Ltd
Project Name Corals At Keppel Bay
Landscape Architects
Coen Design International Pte Ltd

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Gold
Project Name SAfra Punggol
Landscape Architects
Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd

Winning Entries from the Master Planning Category
Gold
Project Name Proposed Pedestrian and Cycling Crossings along the Kallang Park Connector from Bishan to City
Landscape Architects
Stephen Caffyn Landscape Design
Project Name Sino-Singapore Friendship Park, Tianjin Eco-city
Landscape Architects
Grant Associates Singapore

Silver
Project Name Colombo Port City Master Plan
Landscape Architects
AEcom Singapore Pte Ltd
Project Name Emerald Bay Master Plan
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WATG Singapore Inc.

Winning Entries from the Parks and Public Spaces Category
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Project Name Windsor Nature Park
Landscape Architects
STX Landscape Architects
Project Name Land Design One Pte Ltd
Landscape Architects
ICN Design International Pte Ltd

Silver
Project Name Yishun Nature Park
Landscape Architects
Ong&Ong Pte Ltd
Project Name The ABC Waters Programme - ABC Waters Project at Kallang River - St. Andrew
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