

# Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAA): Celebrating Achievements in the Landscape Architecture Profession

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**S**ingapore 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.



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT KRANJI 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.



## 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.



# 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## 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 Commercial Building Category

#### Gold

**Project Name** South Beach

Development

**Landscape Architects**

ICN Design International Pte Ltd

#### Silver

**Project Name** Afiniti, Medini

**Landscape Architects**

Grant Associates Singapore

**Project Name** Capitol

**Landscape Architects**

Grant Associates Singapore

#### 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 Hotels & Resorts Category

#### Gold

**Project Name** Banyan Tree

Yangshuo Resort Development

**Landscape Architects**

AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Oasis (Downtown) Hotel

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects

#### Silver

**Project Name** Shangri-La

Orchid Pavilion

**Landscape Architects**

Tierra Design (S) Pte Ltd

#### Merit

**Project Name** Downtown East -

D' Resort

**Landscape Architects**

DP Green Pte Ltd

**Project Name** M Social Hotel & Up

@ Robertson Quay

**Landscape Architects**

Tinderbox 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** Nanyang

Technological University (NTU) -

North Hill

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects

**Project Name** Singapore University

Of Technology And Design

**Landscape Architects**

Surbana Jurong Consultants

Pte Ltd

#### Merit

**Project Name** Cathedral of the

Good Shepherd

**Landscape Architects**

LanArch Studio Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Dulwich College

Singapore

**Landscape Architects**

DP Green Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Lycée Français de

Singapour

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects

**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

Landscape Master Plan

**Landscape Architects**

AECOM Singapore Pte Ltd

#### Merit

**Project Name** Emerald Bay

Master Plan

**Landscape Architects**

WATG Singapore Inc.

### Winning Entries from the Parks and Public Spaces Category

#### Gold

**Project Name** Windsor Nature Park

**Landscape Architects**

Land Design One Pte Ltd

#### Silver

**Project Name** Yishun Nature Park

**Landscape Architects**

Ong&Ong Pte Ltd

#### Merit

**Project Name** Marine Cove At East

Coast Park

**Landscape Architects**

Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd

**Project Name** The ABC Waters

Programme - ABC Waters Project

at Kallang River - St. Andrew

**Landscape Architects**

Hassell Design (Singapore) Pte Ltd

### Winning Entries from the Residential Category

#### Gold

**Project Name** Punggol Waterway

Terraces

**Landscape Architects**

ICN Design International Pte Ltd

#### Silver

**Project Name** Ascott Orchard

Singapore and Cairnhill Nine, with

Al-Falah Mosque

**Landscape Architects**

Coen Design International Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Corals At Keppel Bay

**Landscape Architects**

ICN Design International Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Lakeville

**Landscape Architects**

Coen Design International Pte Ltd

#### Merit

**Project Name** Foresque Residences

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects

**Project Name** Hillsta

**Landscape Architects**

Tinderbox Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Lodha Amara Showflat

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects

**Project Name** One Canberra EC

**Landscape Architects**

Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Q Bay Residences

**Landscape Architects**

Tinderbox Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Skies Miltonia

**Landscape Architects**

Surbana Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd

**Project Name** SkyVue

**Landscape Architects**

Coen Design International Pte Ltd

**Project Name** The Palette

**Landscape Architects**

Coen Design International Pte Ltd

**Project Name** The Siena

**Landscape Architects**

Tinderbox Pte Ltd

**Project Name** Urban Suites

**Landscape Architects**

STX Landscape Architects