

Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects The 8th SILA Professional Design Awards

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Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) is a professional body representing landscape architectural professionals in Singapore. It was established in 1985 with the aim of advancing the art of landscape architecture and the theory and practice of landscape, environmental, and urban design. Its objectives are to promote research and education, and to create and maintain a high standard of professional qualification.

The SILA Professional Awards serve as a platform to showcase the varied nature of the profession and recognise outstanding works by the landscape architectural community. In its eighth run this year, it attracted a total of 35 submissions from Singapore and Malaysia. The winning entries were announced during the Awards Gala Dinner on October 14, 2011, at The Regent Singapore.



ITE College West Campus (Photo: SILA).



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Gold Award (General Design Category)

project ITE College West Campus
 client Institute of Technical Education
 landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
 architect DP Architects Pte Ltd
 main contractor Gammon Construction Pte Ltd
 softscape contractor Exklusive Landscape Pte Ltd
 lighting consultant Bo Steiber Lighting Design
 m&e engineer/ structural engineer Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner (SEA) Pte Ltd
 water feature design/ build specialist Men'spool Engineering Pte Ltd

This scheme presents an exciting public space design for the ITE school campus. The landscape concept underscores the pedagogical principle of a campus where learning extends beyond the confines of the classrooms. The original contours of the site were analysed and ingeniously translated into cascading layers of a community into the college ground. The lush environment created through the planting, reflecting pools, water features, and green walls formed a conducive environment for learning.



Tampines Eco Green (Photo: SILA).

Gold Award (General Design Category)

project Tampines Eco Green
 client National Parks Board
 landscape architect/ environmental graphic designer/ project manager National Parks Board
 project architect Jurong Consultants Pte Ltd
 softscape contractor Horti-flora Services Pte Ltd
 structural engineer Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner (SEA) Pte Ltd

Tampines Eco Green presents a public park which was designed with minimum intervention. The deliberate decision of “non-design” is daring and exceptional which defines a new park topology in our urban environment. The scheme made good use of the context, preserving much of the existing habitats and vegetation, which were consciously tempted to arbitrate between the wildness and man-made. From the lawn path which formed the main circulation to the interpretive signage made of recycled and natural material, a consistent architectural language was applied resulting in an intense experience of curiosity and bewilderment. The significance of the scheme lies in its ability to convey a different positioning in dealing with nature, which is both refreshing and powerful.



Tampines Eco Green (Photo: SILA).

Gold Award (Residential Category)

project RiverGate

client CapitaLand Residential Singapore Pte Ltd (Riverwalk Promenade Pte Ltd)

concept architect Cox Richardson Architects & Planners

project architect RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd

landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd

main contractor Shimizu Corporation

softscape contractor

Tropical Environment Pte Ltd

interior designer MKPL Architects Pte Ltd

m&e engineer Squire Mech Pte Ltd

quantity surveyor Davis Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd

structural engineer Meinhardt (Singapore) Pte Ltd

water feature design/ build specialist

Aqua Works and Engineering Pte Ltd

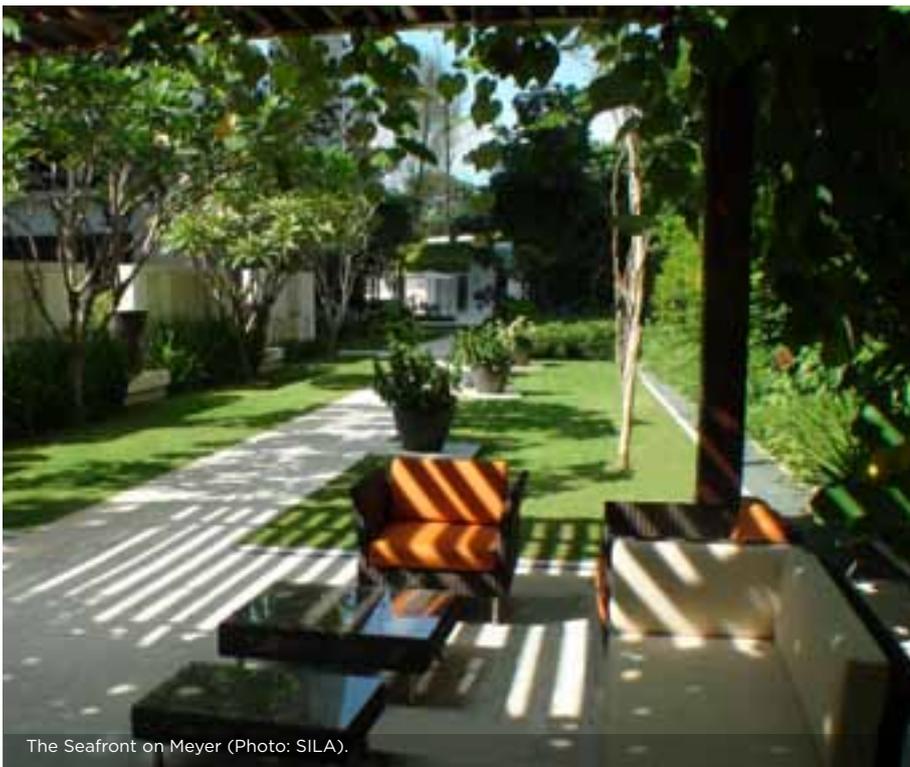
This scheme demonstrates that simplicity can be so beautiful. The landscape architect “borrows” the Singapore River which lies in direct proximity to the condominium, extending the landscape beyond its physical boundary. The sense of open public space is overwhelming, created through the arrangement of the building blocks, the planning of the given site, and the details in planting choices and materials. There is nothing too contrived about this project. The designer made everything look effortless, creating a relaxing ambience for all to enjoy.



RiverGate (Photo: SILA).



The Seafront on Meyer (Photo: SILA).



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Gold Award (Residential Category)

project The Seafront on Meyer

client CapitaLand Residential Singapore Pte Ltd

landscape architect ICN Design International Pte Ltd

design architect Cox Richardson Architects & Planners

project architect TSP Architects & Planners Pte Ltd

main contractor Woh Hup Pte Ltd

softscape contractor Blooms & Greens Pte Ltd

m&e engineer Parsons Brinckerhoff Pte Ltd

quantity surveyor Davis Langdon & Seah

Singapore Pte Ltd

structural engineer P&T Consultants Pte Ltd

The planting scheme for this project is commendable. The choice and consistency of the planting palette created a verdant landscape and an ambience which resonates with the larger Katong context. The detail execution is meticulous, particularly in the treatment of edges, vertical surfaces, and planting zones. The entire landscape is beautifully composed to be appreciated in its singularity and as a series of smaller gardens. It is a project designed for the residents over and above the client.



Jalan Kemuning Park (Photo: NParks).



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Silver Award (General Design Category)

project Jalan Kemuning Park
client National Parks Board
landscape architect National Parks Board
main contractor ALN Contractor
softscape contractor Hua Hng Trading Co Pte Ltd
lighting consultant Clear Lighting

Designed as a neighbourhood park to serve the recreational needs of local residents, the scheme has proven to be a good model. The decision of the landscape architect to restrain the “design” to a small portion of the plot was a good strategy for a fairly tight site, giving a sense of spaciousness. Much of the secondary forest was intact, providing shade for the enclave which was formed from the circulation path running through the forest. A large lawn area was made available to be flexibly used by residents. The planting scheme of tall grasses enhanced the ambience and mood of the park. The judges, however, felt that the park furniture could have been better designed.

Silver Award (General Design Category)

project Toa Payoh Sensory Park
client Housing & Development Board
landscape architect/ cost consultant/ c&s engineer/ m&e engineer/ project architect Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
main contractor Tai Yong Construction Pte Ltd
project manager SIPM Consultants Pte Ltd

The Sensory Garden has proven to be a popular recreational space for the local residents. The concept of heightened sensorial experience is not novel but still refreshing in the local landscape architectural scene. It was well executed with consistent and intense strategies. Special effort to incorporate universal design in the park is especially commendable, allowing people of different abilities to enjoy and interact with the park features. However, the activities to engage each sense could have been more experimental and less prescriptive.

Year 2009 Award Winners

Gold (Master Planning)

project Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve Master Plan
master planner National Parks Board

Gold (Nature / Ecological Reserves)

project Sentosa Nature Discovery
architect Timur Designs Pte Ltd
civil engineer CSE Consultants Pte Ltd
client Sentosa Development Corporation
landscape architect ICN Design International Pte Ltd
landscape contractor Swee Bee Contractor Pte Ltd
m&e engineer AUP Consultants Pte Ltd
main contractor Built Force Construction Pte Ltd
quantity surveyor RJ Consultants Pte Ltd

Gold (Parks)

project Kolam Ayer River Revitalisation
civil engineer CH2M Hill Singapore Pte Ltd
client National Parks Board & Public Utilities Board
landscape contractor Greenerth Landscape Designers and Planners
main contractor Swee Builders Pte Ltd

Gold (Residential Projects)

project The Seaview
architect/ civil engineer RSP Architects Planners and Engineers
client Wheelock Properties (Singapore) Limited
landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
landscape contractor Nature Landscapes Pte Ltd
lighting specialist Lighting Planners Associates
m&e engineer Squire Mech Pte Ltd
main contractor Tiong Aik Construction Pte Ltd
quantity surveyor Davis Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd
sculpture artist Kumari Nahappan
signage specialist Duet Design Pte Ltd

Silver (Parks)

project Kings of Freedom Project @ Bedok Reservoir Park
architect/ civil engineer/ quantity surveyor/ m&e engineer CPG Consultants Pte Ltd
client National Parks Board
landscape contractor Greenerth Landscape Designers and Planners
main contractor Wee Nee Pte Ltd

Silver (Residential Projects)

project The Grange
architect Guida Mosely Brown Architects & P&T Consultants Pte Ltd
civil engineer DE Consultants (Singapore) Pte Ltd
client MCL Land Limited & Wing Tai Property Management Pte Ltd
landscape architect Sitetectonix Pte Ltd
landscape contractor Tropical Environment Pte Ltd
lighting specialist Bo Steiber Lighting Design
m&e engineer Rankine & Hill (Singapore) Pte Ltd
main contractor Thian Sung Construction Pte Ltd
quantity surveyor Davis Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd

Silver (Civic and Urban Spaces)

project The National Library Building
architect DP Architects Pte Ltd
architect TR Hamzah & Yeang Sdn Bhd
civil engineer Maunsell Consultants (Singapore) Pte Ltd
client National Library Board
landscape architect DLQ Design Pte Ltd
landscape contractor Ecoflora (S) Pte Ltd
m&e engineer Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner (SEA) Pte Ltd
main contractor Nishimatsu/ Lum Chang JV
quantity surveyor Rider Hunt Levett & Bailey 

