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.
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.

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.
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.
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.
Silver Award (General Design Category)

**Project:** Jalan Kemuning Park  
**Client:** National Parks Board  
**Landscape Architect:** National Parks Board  
**Main Contractor:** ALN Consultant  
**Quantity Surveyor:** CPG Consultants 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:** Sitetectonix 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.