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 Gyrucsay 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 (Ricoh Asia Pacific Pte Ltd) has partnered the Garden City Fund in developing a pocket park for urban dwellers and workers.

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1 Then Second Minister for National Development
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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 Ravalomanana, 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.

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.

N Parks 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.

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.