



## **MEDIA FACTSHEET - COMMUNITY IN BLOOM AWARDS 2014**

Community gardens are an integral part of Singapore's beautiful landscape. The biennial Community in Bloom Awards is organised by National Parks Board to recognise gardening efforts by community groups in housing estates, educational institutions and organisations. Through this friendly competition, it is hoped that best practices in community gardening can be fostered and shared among various community groups, leading to the improvement in quality of gardens and a more enjoyable gardening experience.

### **Objectives**

- To promote community involvement in gardening by recognising the good efforts in creating and maintaining the community gardens
- To encourage the sharing of creative ideas in gardening
- To promote and recognise excellence in gardening efforts by individuals

### **Categories**

- Public Housing Estates
- Private Housing Estates
- Educational Institutions
- Organisations

Application period for the 'Community In Bloom' Awards was from 20 Jan to 31 March 2014.

### **Achievement Band Prizes**

Participants in each category are placed into the following Achievement Bands:

- Platinum
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

### **Excellence Award Prizes**

- Diamond Award: \$2000 and plaque
- Best Community Garden Award: \$1000 and plaque
- Best New Community Garden Award\*: \$1000 and plaque



- Environment and Biodiversity: \$1000 and plaque
- This year, a new Diamond Award was created to recognize gardens that have been consistently outstanding over the years in their quality, display and community involvement. A garden must have won consecutive three Platinum Awards to be accorded the Diamond Award.

\* The Best New Garden Award is opened to community gardens that are under two years old at the time of the announcement of the 'Community in Bloom' Awards 2012.