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TAKING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TOWARDS DEVELOPING YOUNG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TALENTS

In addition to SILA's 6th Student Design Awards, SILA launched the Landscape Architects Future (LA Future) initiative and the SILA-NTUC Masterclass Series to nurture budding landscape architects

1. Representing the landscape architectural professionals in Singapore, the Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) is grooming the future of the profession early on through social and hands-on engagements beyond the classroom setting, and cultivating in the young a culture of giving back to the community as well as the profession. To further develop these young talents, SILA is taking a holistic approach to help them grow in terms of creativity and technicalities.

6TH SILA STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS (SDA)

2. To celebrate creativity and the works of future landscape architects, SILA hosted its 6th Student Design Awards (SDA) this evening, which was held in conjunction with Archifest 2016.
3. This year, SILA received 77 student entries from countries like Australia, Hong Kong, USA, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Thailand, India, Taiwan and Singapore. 46 were from local and international universities while 31 were from local polytechnics. After two rounds of judging, 29 entries were awarded the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Merit prizes across four categories – Best Design Showcase, Planting Design, Outstanding Graphic Presentation, and Outstanding



Contextual Analysis and Investigations. For more information on the awardees, please refer to [Annex A](#).

4. “Tonight, is not only the celebration of the students’ achievements, but also a platform to connect the professional body with the educational institutions and the students of landscape architecture. With the ground up movement of LA Future, I believe it will help empower young landscape architects to learn, network and contribute early in their career paths”, commented Mr Ronnie Tan, President of SILA.

LAUNCH OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FUTURE (LA FUTURE)

5. To groom the future of the profession early on, SILA kickstarted the Landscape Architects Future (LA Future) initiative. Officially launched by the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Secretary-General, Mr Chan Chun Sing, at the 6th SILA SDA, LA Future is a ground-up community comprising SILA graduates and student members. The initiative aims to help educate, provide networking opportunities, contribute to and raise awareness about the profession and help with the professional development of landscape architects.
6. Helmed by student representatives from Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and National University of Singapore as well as practicing graduate landscape architects, LA Future will enable students and young landscape architects to connect with experienced practitioners. This will help budding talents expand their network and increase their wealth of knowledge regarding the profession.
7. In addition, the community also hopes to raise awareness about landscape architects amongst prospective employers and the public. To do so, the community will organise a variety of events including networking sessions, award presentations and social gatherings to reach out to the larger community.



8. LA Future will also play their part to support the professional development of landscape architects. Via SILA, landscape architects can get accredited through the Landscape Architects Accreditation Programme. Futuremore, they can also attend trainings courses and masterclasses to help them upskill and remain ahead of the latest industry trends.

LAUNCH OF SILA-NTUC MASTERCLASS SERIES

9. One such training initiative is the SILA-NTUC Masterclass Series. In line with LA Future, SILA is partnering NTUC U Associate and NTUC's e2i (Employment and Employability Institute) to launch a series of Masterclasses. Jointly organised by the three parties, the quarterly SILA-NTUC Masterclass will benefit students, graduates, accredited landscape architects, affiliate members, vendors and architects from the landscape profession.
10. SILA-NTUC Masterclasses will complement the existing professional development programmes and meet the specific needs of the profession. Some of the topics that will be covered include biodiversity and conservation through landscape architecture design; Building Information Modelling (BIM) for landscape architects; application of disruptive geospatial technologies (use of drones); and the Active, Beautiful, and Clean (ABC) Waters Programme launched by the Public Utilities Board. The first Masterclass of the series will commence in the first quarter of 2017.
11. Mr Vivek Kumar, Director of NTUC U Associate said, "As a niche profession, we want to help landscape architects gain valuable cross-sectoral knowledge and skillsets by leveraging the U Associate ecosystem. We hope that through the partnership with U Associate, we can help strengthen their development and networking opportunities not only within the landscape architecture but also with the built environment industry."



12. Mr Ronnie Tan, President of SILA added, “SILA’s partnership with U Associate will enable the Institute to leverage U Associate’s strong network and suite of programmes to grow the professional body, specifically in enhancing our learning and development initiatives.”

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About the Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects

The Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) is a non-profit organisation representing the Landscape Architectural professional in Singapore. It was established in 1985 to advance the science and art of Landscape Architecture and the theory and practice of landscape, environmental, and urban design; to promote research and education therein; and to create and maintain a high standard of professional qualification. In order to set the benchmark for our profession in Singapore, the Landscape Architects Accreditation Programme has been set up to distinguish competent landscape architects, who ensure best practices when designing spaces by taking into consideration the health, safety and welfare of the public, as well as the conservation of flora and fauna in the environment.

The programme provides practical evaluation criteria and accredits individual landscape architects with the appropriate skills and knowledge. It will also define the responsibilities of a landscape architect and assure the right professional for further progression. SILA introduced the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) scheme for members in 2012, and it has since been developed into the current Accreditation Programme with support from the DesignSingapore Council in 2015. The Accreditation



Programme will be enhanced further in the future to enhance the foundation and acumen of our profession, which contributes to the transformation of cities making them sustainable and yet comfortable.

About NTUC U Associate

The NTUC U Associate Programme is a key initiative by the Labour Movement to reach out to Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) through professional associations and bring them the U Advantage of the Labour Movement. Launched in March 2011, the programme comprises of an ecosystem of associations across various sectors including Financial, Human Resource, Project Management, Marketing, Engineering and more. NTUC and its U Associates work with a sectorial focus to develop career and skills progression plans for our PMEs in these sectors. Through these alliances, we prepare our PMEs to be future-ready and future-proof and open up greater opportunities for both the associations and PMEs. NTUC U Associates empower the PMEs across four key areas – Protection, Progression, Placement and Privileges (4Ps). Please see below for the list of U Associates:

S/N	Sector	U Associate
1.	Accountancy	CPA Australia
2.		ICAEW South East Asia Limited (ICAEW)
3.	Administration	Singapore Association of Administrative Professionals (SAAP)
4.	Building, Facilities & Environment	Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA)
5.		Singapore Institute of Building Limited (SIBL)
6.	Creative Media	LASALLE College of the Arts
7.	Engineering	Association of Consulting Engineers, Singapore (ACES)
8.		The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)
9.		The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
10.	Entrepreneurs hip	Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE)
11.	Financial Planning	Financial Planning Association of Singapore (FPAS)
12.		Insurance and Financial Practitioners Association of Singapore (IFPAS)
13.	Healthcare	Association of Psychotherapists and Counsellors (Singapore) (APACS)
14.		Singapore Psychological Society (SPS)



15.	Human Resource	Singapore Human Resource Institute (SHRI)
16.		Human Capital Singapore (HCS)
17.	Information Technology	Singapore Computer Society (SCS)
18.		IT Service Management Forum (itSMF)
19.	Internet Security	Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
20.	Legal	Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA)
21.	Marketing	Direct Marketing Association of Singapore (DMAS)
22.		Institute of Advertising Singapore (IAS)
23.		Market Research Society Singapore (MRSS)
24.	Professional Development	Adam Khoo Learning Technologies Group (AKLTG)
25.		Financial IT Academy @ SMU (SMU-FITA)
26.	Project Management	Project Management Institute, Singapore Chapter (SPMI)
27.	Real Estate	Institute of Estate Agents, Singapore (IEA)
28.		PropertyGuru Pte Ltd (PG)
29.		Singapore Estate Agents Association (SEAA)
30.	Sales	Singapore Sales Professional Association (SSPA) / Charisma Academy
31.	Safety	Singapore Institution of Safety Officers (SISO)
32.	Sports & Cybersports	Singapore Professional Golfers' Association (SPGA)
33.		Singapore Cybersports & Online Gaming Association (SCOGA)
34.	Supply Chain	Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS)
35.		Supply Chain Asia Community Limited (SCA)
36.	Sustainable Energy	Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS)



ANNEX A

FACTSHEET ON SILA'S STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS (SDA)

SILA's Student Design Awards (SDA) aims to honour and showcase the best student works of Singaporean Landscape Architects, and promote landscape design innovation in various design disciplines. SILA SDA 2016 will be awarded based on the division of two student groups, namely the University Degree Undergraduates/Masters Graduates and Polytechnic Diploma Students, with the following categories and judging criteria:

Best Design Showcase

- Clarity, convincingness and meaningfulness of the design concept
- Response to context
- Clarity of technology used in achieving design ideas
- Appropriateness in use of hardscape & soft-scape elements to achieve the design intent
- Creative use of traditional and / or contemporary materials in the design and construction of landscape elements
- Sensitivity to users
- Feasibility of implementation of design

Planting Design

- Emphasis on a well-integrated planting design scheme
- Effectiveness of plant selection in reflecting the overall design scheme
- Emphasis on usage of native varieties and sensitivity to biodiversity
- Clarity in presentation techniques of the proposed planting scheme

Outstanding Graphic Presentation

- Emphasis on clarity of presentation layout in conveying the overall intent
- Engaging graphics that hold the viewers' attention
- Amount of information conveyed is well-paced to the viewers
- Unique presentation methods

Outstanding Contextual Analysis

- Analytical approach in establishing background studies
- Emphasis on the contextual investigation and analysis of the physical site factors, social fabric, historical and cultural influences, ecology and biodiversity
- Clarity in the presentation of the analysis and investigations



Best Design Showcase Category

- Gold Award Cash S\$400
- Silver Award Cash S\$250
- Bronze Award Cash S\$100

For other Categories

- Gold Award Cash S\$200
- Silver Award Cash S\$100
- Bronze Award Cash S\$50

6th Student Design Awards (SDA) – Winning Entries

University Category - Best Design Showcase

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Quantity to Quality Rethinking Brackish Fisheries of Klongwan by Harmonized with Ecology and Fish Behavior	Phurit Sheeranangsu	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Silver	The Hidden Abundance - A Revision of Waste Management in Thailand	Pawida Bualert	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Bronze	Bangchak Oil Refinery Park	Panithan Kasinphila	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

University Category - Planting Design

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	The Growing Citadelle: Reviving the abandoned farmlands of occidental Mindoro through strategic planting design and sustainable farming strategies	Charl Justine Balanza Darapisa	University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines
Silver	An Urban Park Near Thol Bird Sanctuary, Ahmedabad	Brinda Pancholi	Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology University, Ahmedabad, India

Bronze	Sync-Biosis	Chang Mei Fen, Pearlyn and Wang ChaoChao	National University of Singapore, Singapore
Merit	Urban Fung Shui Axis - Landscape Planning for Sai Kung District	Tang Lai Yi	Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

University Category - Outstanding Graphic Presentation

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Regenerate–The Conversion and Reconstruction of Xiluo Old Barn	Liao Zhe Wei	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan
Silver	Quantity to Quality Rethinking Brackish Fisheries of Klongwan by Harmonized with Ecology and Fish Behavior	Phurit Sheeranangsu	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Bronze	Seasonal Flooded Landscape and Resilient Community	Panithan Kasinphila	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

University Category - Outstanding Contextual Analysis and Investigations

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Seasonal Flooded Landscape and Resilient Community	Panithan Kasinphila	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Silver	Phytochemical Pit; Revaluation of Quarry Landscape	Npat Potchapornkul	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Bronze	The Hidden Abundance - A Revision of Waste Management in Thailand	Pawida Bualert	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Merit	Hat Yai Landfill Remediation Learning Center	Keskanok Noiijinda	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
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Polytechnic Category - Best Design Showcase

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Dakota Memoirs	Darien Wu Jun Han	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
Silver	Diurnal + Nocturnal Bloom	Tan Wei Lin	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore
Bronze	Landscape Nest	Low Ying Wei	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore

Polytechnic Category - Planting Design

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Diurnal + Nocturnal Bloom	Tan Wei Lin	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore
Silver	Central Entertainment Hub	Ong Zi Xin Charlotte	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore
Bronze	Nature's Valley	Chester Lee Yong Lin	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore

Polytechnic Category - Outstanding Graphic Presentation

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	Diurnal + Nocturnal Bloom	Tan Wei Lin	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore

Silver	Dakota Memoirs	Darien Wu Jun Han	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
Bronze	Landscape Nest	Low Ying Wei	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
Merit	Anachronism	Yan NaFang	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
Merit	Hortus De Lifestyle	Aw Chin Kai	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
Merit	The Tanglin Weave	Muhammad Khairul Bin Mawasi	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore

Polytechnic Category - Outstanding Contextual Analysis and Investigations

Award	Entry Title	Name	Institution
Gold	-	-	-
Silver	Central Entertainment Hub	Ong Zi Xin Charlotte	Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore
Bronze	The Hara Seb	Por Pheng Ju Jensen	Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore



Participating Institutions

1. RMIT University Melbourne, Australia
2. The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
3. Louisiana State University, USA
4. University of the Philippines (UP), Philippines
5. Birmingham City University, UK
6. Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong
7. Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
8. Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology University, Ahmedabad, India
9. The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
10. The University of Melbourne, Australia
11. National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan
12. University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines
13. National University of Singapore
14. Singapore Polytechnic
15. Ngee Ann Polytechnic
16. Temasek Polytechnic