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ARCHIFEST 08: MAN + ENVIRONMENT

An exciting festival of Exhibitions, Forum, Architours and Fringe Events lined-up at the Singapore Archifest 08

Singapore (26 September 2008) – Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) is pleased to announce the official launch of **Archifest 08 on World Architecture Day on 6 October at the festival hub National Library**. A month-long festival celebrating architecture and the built environment, Archifest returns for a second year after the successful event held for the first time last year.

Look forward to a myriad of exciting events including **Exhibitions, Forum, Architours** and interesting **Fringe Events** at the Archifest. Be inspired by the gallery of the year's best architectural projects; learn from the presentations by a line-up of world-renowned architects; get up-close with some iconic and very interesting buildings on a guided architour. The festival is a public event packed with more than 50 architectural-related activities and happenings for all to participate in.

The theme "**Man + Environment**" provides a focus for Archifest 08, as the stage is set for us to re-examine the relationship of Architecture with the Environment.

Organised by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Archifest 08's main events will be featured at the festival hub at The Plaza, National Library, 100 Victoria Street. Archifest 08 is an initiative supported and co-funded under the Architecture and Urban Design Excellence (A•UDE) Promotion Programme by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), and sponsored by Far East Organization, BlueScope Steel, Hunter Douglas and Johnson Suisse Bathroom Solutions. For more information, please visit www.archifest.sg.

ARCHIFEST 08 HIGHLIGHTS

FORUM: MAN + ENVIRONMENT

16 & 17 Oct 08 | Drama Centre @ National Library

The ArchiFest Forum returns with the theme "**Man + Environment**", which re-examines the relationship of Architecture with the Environment. This complex relationship encompasses context, genius loci, history, culture, economics and technology to the growing concern about the role of Architecture in the degradation of our environment that could contribute to global warming, climate change, displacement and alienation. These are clear and present issues facing many countries all over the world. It is therefore befitting and timely to adopt the theme "Man + Environment" for this year's ArchiFest, to drive home the point for balancing mankind's needs and the environment.

The two-day Archifest 08 Forum brings together a stellar line-up of speakers who will be addressing the challenges of Man and our environment. How the architects practice can make as much difference to the built environment as their talents, tastes or tendencies. Featuring a panel of carefully-selected speakers who will be engaging the audience in a lively interchange of ideas, the Forum will have an upbeat, broad and suggestive take on the topic "Man+Environment".

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Archifest 08 Forum Speakers:

+ Andrew Maynard	Andrew Maynard Architects (Australia)
+ Gerard Reinmuth	Terroir (Australia)
+ Ken Yeang	TR Hamzah & Yeang Sdn Bhd (Malaysia)
+ Lee Kut Cheung	RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd (Singapore)
+ Richard Hassell	WOHA (Singapore)
+ Jo Noero	Noero Wolff Architects (South Africa)
+ Fernando Menis	Menis Arquitectos (Spain)
+ Madhura Prematilleke	Team Architrave Chartered Architects (Sri Lanka)

More details of the speakers are attached in the Annex.

Early Bird Discount (1 Sep–1 Oct):	Public - \$225 SIA/BOA/CIJC/ARCASIA Member - \$200 Student - \$75
Normal Price (2 Oct–15 Oct):	Public - \$250 SIA/BOA/CIJC/ARCASIA Member - \$225 Student - \$100
Group Package (1 Sep–15 Oct):	With purchase of every 5 Forum passes, the 6 th pass will be free

The 2-day Forum delegate pass includes 1 session of Architour (on a first-come-first-served basis). Tickets can be purchased from Singapore Institute of Architects from 1 Sep 08.

Registration details is available on www.archifest.sg

For ticketing enquiries, please contact Singapore Institute of Architects at T: 6226 2668 | E: archifest@sia.org.sg

More details of the Archifest Forum Speakers are attached in the Speakers' Profile.

EXHIBITIONS

6 – 24 Oct 08 | 10am – 9pm | The Plaza, National Library | Free

The collection of exhibitions will be held at The Plaza, National Library, featuring award-winning works from various architectural competitions as well as internationally acclaimed urban designs. Exhibitions will be launched on *World Architecture Day*, 6 October 2008.

9th SIA Architectural Design Awards

The most prestigious award conferred by SIA to promote and encourage distinction in architectural design, the Awards recognizes the achievements of SIA members in their pursuit of architectural excellence and motivates architects to push the boundaries with innovative solutions. The exhibition will feature a selection of the Award recipients, including the winners of the two new awards, namely 'Best Project Below S\$1 Million Construction Cost' and 'Building of the Year'.

SIA-Getz Architecture Prize

The SIA-Getz Architecture Prize for Emergent Architecture in Asia is to honour bi-annually an architect who contributes to emergent architecture in Asia. In the last decade, Asia has seen an overwhelming rate of development. This is beginning to leave an impact in architecture history now as well as in the future. It is therefore timely to recognise and promote emergent Asian architects and architecture - in a similar way that Pritzker Prize has done for the worldwide community of architects.

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Man+Environment Showcase

A showcase of the projects undertaken by the speakers at the ArchiFest Forum and a selection of the best works from Asian regional architecture institutions with the theme "Man + Environment".

SIA-Hunter Douglas "Eco Friend Awards"

Jointly organized by SIA and Hunter Douglas, the SIA-Hunter Douglas Awards has introduced a new category – "Eco Friend Awards" – to promote creative use of sustainable products. The Awards invite architects to submit an environmentally design that highlights the creative use of any sustainable products and building materials possibly with Hunter Douglas or other brands, in standard applications such as ceilings, claddings and sun louvers, and in innovative new applications.

SIA-Philips Green Innovation Award

Jointly organized by SIA and Philips, this inaugural award aims to drive adoption of innovative sustainable design in Singapore by providing a platform for architects to showcase their innovations and recognizing industry leaders who champion innovative, yet sensible, green solutions, in their projects.

Bras Basah.Bugis (BBB) District Exhibition by URA

The Bras Basah.Bugis (BBB) district, before 1980s, was an area of low real estate value with deteriorating physical conditions. The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), as the national planning and conservation authority, saw enormous development potential and opportunities to capitalise on this area's rich architectural and cultural heritage. URA thus embarked on urban renewal efforts to dramatically transform it into Singapore's Arts, Culture, Learning and Entertainment district.

Today, the 95-ha district is home to a synergistic cluster of Arts, Culture and Education facilities - three national museums, seven arts housing facilities, three arts schools, 105 private commercial schools, a city university, student hostels and a new National Library. Now a dynamic educational and entertainment destination, the BBB district has seen an influx of 12,000 students, creative talents and a good mix of cultural, shopping, dining and entertainment facilities that have brought renewed vitality to the area. With selective conservation, adaptive re-use of significant, historical buildings and injection of new innovative developments by URA, the rejuvenated district retains its local character and offers an authentic experience that is distinctively Singaporean.

Student Exhibition by Singapore Polytechnic

ArchiFest is pleased to feature an exhibition by the Singapore Polytechnic's School of the Built Environment, showcasing some of the best works by the students from the Diploma in Architecture and Diploma in Landscape Architecture programs, central around the theme of Man and the Environment.

SIA-NParks Skyrise Greenery Awards

Jointly organised by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and National Parks Board (NParks), the SIA-NParks Skyrise Greenery Awards aim to promote and recognize the greening efforts in highrise developments in Singapore.

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ARCHITOURS

3-5, 10-12, 17-19 Oct 08 (Fri -Sun) | Various locations

Hugely successful in 2007, **architours** will return this Oct to make Singaporean Architecture easily accessible. Architours was started in 2007 with the intention of promoting discourse on the influence of architecture on social surroundings as well as cultivating an appreciation for design itself. A student-directive from the outset, architours continues to be run by students. Recognizing this role, as students of Architecture, the emphasis has been placed on "reading" instead of merely looking; engaging and questioning extents of relevance and suitability of architectural typologies applied to Singapore; as well as assessing the success of how these typologies has been grafted onto our city's landscape. By studying and gaining a sense of understanding of architecture in Singapore, architours hope to encourage people to open their eyes and look around, observe the settings in which they exist from day to day but which they have never noticed.

Morning Tour

Locations: One-north, Biopolis, Wessex Estate

Date & Time: 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Oct (Sat-Sun) | 0900-1300

Pricing: \$25 (students & children) | \$35 (adults)

Afternoon Tour

Locations: Lasalle College of the Arts, Marina Barrage, Terminal 3, Crown Plaza Hotel

Date & Time: 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Oct (Sat-Sun) | 1400-1800

Pricing: \$25 (students & children) | \$35 (adults)

Night Tour

Locations: Various Architects' Offices - Ministry of Design, MKPL Architects and Zong Architects, Old School @ Mt Sophia, Night & Day Bar

Date & Time: 3-4, 10-11, 17 Oct (Fri & Sat) | 1800-2200

Pricing: \$45 (students above 18 yrs old & adults, includes one drink)

Architectural Design Awards Tour

Locations: Award winning architecture by recipients of 9th SIA Architectural Design Awards 2008 and President's Design Awards. Includes House at Jalan Elok (9th SIA Architectural Design Award & Best Project Below S\$1 Million Construction Cost) and Republic Polytechnic (9th SIA Architectural Design Award).

Date & Time: 5, 12, 19 Oct (Sun) | 1400-1900

Pricing: \$30 (students & children) | \$40 (adults)

Tickets can be purchased via SISTIC through www.sistic.com.sg, STIC hotline +65 6348 5555 and SISTIC Authorized Agents located island-wide, please visit SISTIC website for list of agents. (SISTIC booking fee applies)

All tours start and end at The Plaza, National Library Building. Itinerary is subject to changes.

For tour enquiries, please contact Singapore Institute of Architects at T: 6226 2668 | E: archifest@sia.org.sg

More details of the Architours itineraries are attached in Architours Annex.

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FRINGE EVENTS

Through Oct 08 | Various locations

Archifest activities are not confined to festival hub at The Plaza, National Library, selected locations will also be abuzz with an array of activities, with more than **20 fringe events** happening throughout October.

All events are free and open to public unless otherwise stated. Some events may require prior registration due to limited capacity, please visit www.archifest.sg for details on individual events.

BCA Gallery Tour

3 - 31 Oct 08 | BCA Academy of the Built Environment | Free

BCA Gallery is a showcase of the development of Singapore's built environment. The four key pillars of an excellent built environment, namely, safety, quality, sustainability and friendly, are highlighted collectively in this multi-sensory treat of interactive exhibits, model showcases and pull-out panels.

Visitors to the BCA Gallery will experience an interactive journey of Singapore's building development through the years and gain insights into BCA's integral role in shaping a safe, sustainable, high quality and friendly built environment now and for the future.

Tour Hours

Monday to Friday (3-31 October) | 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 2.00pm, 3.00pm & 4.00pm

Saturday (only in the month of Oct) | 4 Oct, 11 Oct and 25 Oct | 9.30am & 11.00am

All tours to the Gallery are guided and prior tour arrangement is necessary. The tour takes approximately an hour.

Please call 6248 9930 or email to bca_gallery@bca.gov.sg for arrangement on guided tours.

The BCA Gallery is located at BCA Academy of the Built Environment, 200 Braddell Road, Singapore 579700.

For more details on the Gallery, please log on to www.bca.gov.sg/BCAGallery/bca_gallery.html

URA Presents: Singapore 1:1 (Island) Exhibition

3 - 26 Oct 08 | 10am - 9pm | Promenade Level 7 | National Library | Free

Singapore has been likened to a 1:1 scale, life-sized gallery of architecture and urban design. "Singapore 1:1 Island" highlights our nation's architectural and urban design uniqueness through a selection of architectural projects completed island-wide, outside of the city centre, over the past four decades.

"Singapore 1:1 Island" is a follow-up exhibition to "Singapore 1:1 City" launched by President S R Nathan in 2005. It is curated along 3 themes: Provision / Production (1965-1975); Communication / Connection (1976-1985) and Innovation / Distinction (1986-2007). The architectural productions weave a story of the distinct character in the history of Singapore architecture. The variety of works exhibited, ranging from residential and commercial buildings to public institutions, demonstrates the diversity and creative energy of architectural talents in Singapore.

Singapore City Gallery Tour: "Singapore Storeys"

3 - 26 Oct 08 | 9am - 5am | Mon to Sat | The URA Centre, 45 Maxwell Road (Levels 2 & 3) | Free

Behind every building that pushes up into the skyline that is Singapore, there is a "storey". A "storey" of inspired dreams, thoughtful planning, careful execution, and lessons for the future. Join us as we take you on a tour of Singapore City Gallery to explore urban planning and design, and built heritage in Singapore. See one of the largest architectural models in the world – the Central Area Model, with a special light and sound show.

Guided tours are on Tuesdays and Fridays, 11.30am. Free tours during the ArchiFest period only.

Please register with ura_gallery@ura.gov.sg as spaces are limited.

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Exhibition of 2008 Urban Redevelopment Authority Architectural Heritage Award winning projects 4 Oct - 14 Nov 08 | 9am – 5am | Mon to Sat | URA Centre | Free

The exhibition showcasing the 7 projects that have received the URA Architectural Heritage Awards this year will be held at The URA Atrium. The Awards is an annual event to recognise national monuments and conservation buildings that are well-restored and to encourage owners, professionals and contractors to pay particular attention to quality restoration.

5ft Creatives presents Singapore Emerging Architecture Studios video series 6 - 24 Oct 08 | 10am – 9pm | The Plaza, National Library | Free

"Lekker" is an episode in the SINGAPORE EMERGING ARCHITECTURE STUDIOS video series produced by 5ft Creatives. The episode is part of a series featuring talented up-and-coming architectural personalities and studios that represent the future of Singapore's architecture scene, premiering at Archifest.

Lekker Design is a design practice who has come to prominence recently through the 10 touchpoints design competition and also from being selected by Pritzker Prize winning architecture practice, Herzog and de Meuron, to be one of the designers in the Ordos 100 masterplan.

The NUS Department of Architecture - Hunter Douglas Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Architecture | 10 Oct 08 | Restaurant 1827 | By invitation only

The NUS, Department of Architecture - Hunter Douglas Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Architecture is open to all students of the Department of Architecture, NUS. The challenge is for students to incorporate the use of technology in an innovative way in their design projects and independent studies. To celebrate this tenth award in conjunction with the Department's 50th Anniversary, an award ceremony will take place on 10 Oct.

SINGAPORE SUPERGARDEN - Leave a comment!

10 Oct 08 | 7.00-8.30pm | The Plaza, National Library Building | Free, Attendance by registration

Come be a part of SINGAPORE SUPERGARDEN - the Singapore Pavilion in the 11th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition 2008! SINGAPORE SUPERGARDEN is a converging point for young Singaporean designers across a mélange of creative fields, engaging in conversations about design and architecture. Get inspired to contribute your conversation! In this sharing session, understand how the curatorial lead for SINGAPORE SUPERGARDEN explored this ecosystem of design thoughts and how you can join in.

Please visit www.supergarden.sg for more information. Registration by 8 Oct to sabrina_lau@mica.gov.sg

The Purpose of Details 3 by Singapore Polytechnic

10 Oct 08 | 2pm - 6pm | URA Function Hall | Ticketed event

Issues of material, structure, tectonics and detailing are central matters that give architecture its physical vitality and permanence, and memorable architecture is designed from inside-out, with a concern for human scale and how the small components inform its overall effect. In the work of our speakers, architecture is explored as a craft, and as an integral part of the natural world where the issues of sustainability and context are considered even in the smallest of detail. The Purpose of Details 3 conference will provide rare insight into the speakers' thinking and realisation process. This year, Singapore Polytechnic feature hospitality buildings and landscapes and develop the theme of "Man and the Environment".

For registration, please contact Ms Usha Rani at Tel: 6772 1198, Email: usha@sp.edu.sg

For more details on the program, please visit www.sp.edu.sg/SPweb/appmanager/be/home

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In Sartorial Splendor – A Lighting Installation

10 – 31 Oct 08 | House, 8D Dempsey Road | Free for public & patrons

The definition of 'Sartorial' pertains to a manner of dressing, style or clothing. In place of fabrics, the medium is 'Light'. The natural landscape; trees, shrubs and bushes take on many forms and a variety of textures but how best do we display their unique intricacies and transform them into a whimsical and playful canvas of the night?

This light installation will make use of a few elements; one of which is a unique lighting system from Prisma called the '4 Seasons garden system'. The concept of the system is about casting changing colored shadows through specially cut out screens of the light fittings onto the selected trees or plantings. The types of screens used are selected based on the textures and type of each individual planting. When the natural equilibrium of light, dark and colour is achieved, it creates a unique scenography of life.

Together with the '4 Seasons garden system', installation will also include elements using glow-in-the-dark and UV paint (e.g. Glowing grass, giant glistening spider webs etc) in the landscape, which serves as a backdrop for different light experiences at night. The aim of the combination is to transform pockets of landscape into splashes of coloured canvases at night and allow one to experience a fun, whimsical or even a mysterious beauty of a walk in the garden at night. Installation by Diana Tan & Ong Sheng Hua, Project Lighting Design

Viewing Hours: Mon – Thurs: 7.30pm – 12am | Fri & Sat: 7.30pm – 2am | Sun: 7.30pm – 11pm

Light Up Ninja Jr.!

11 Oct 08 | 5-8pm | Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens | Free, Attendance by registration

Light Up Ninja Junior is a workshop-style event, organised during ArchiFest, for the young ones aged between *4-13 years old*, to play and explore with light, inviting children to share an experience in creating illumination in Jacob Ballas Children's Garden with simple hand-made lighting equipments.

Organised by The Lighting Detectives within Lighting Planners Associates (LPA), this workshop aims to increase awareness about lighting cultures through practical methods and fieldworks, for participants to search and provide interesting solutions on how to create luminous environments for ourselves and our society. The workshop will be conducted by Mr. Kaoru Mende, Principal of Lighting Planners Associates and Leader of Lighting Detectives.

To register, email the name of attendee(child), age, contact person's name & telephone no. to archifest@sia.org.sg by 8 October. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis due to limit in capacity.

Architecture Photography Seminar

11 Oct 08 | 2-4 pm | Visitors' Briefing Room level 1, National Library | Free, Attendance by registration

This two-part Architecture Photography Session conducted by renowned Architecture photographer Mr Albert Lim K.S., will first give an overview on architecture photography – what really is architecture photography versus normal photography, and the second part will go into more depth on what architects are looking for when they want a photo documentation of their masterpiece. A fringe event of the Archifest 2008 and supported by the National Library Board, this seminar is suitable for both photography enthusiasts and practicing architects. Attendees are also welcomed to share your portfolio with Albert at the Seminar.

Attendance by registration only. Please register at <http://golibrary.nlb.gov.sg> & surf on to "Scene" by 9 Oct to confirm your seats. Free admission, first-come-first-served basis.

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Archifest Outdoor Screenings: e2 Design Series

11 & 12, 18 & 19 Oct 08 | 7-9pm | The Plaza, National Library | Free

Archifest is pleased to partner US documentary filmmaker kontentreal to showcase the documentary series e2 Design Series. Narrated by Brad Pitt, the series explores ideas, initiatives and drivers of change in the world of sustainable architecture. Premiering the latest season, e2 continues to traverse the globe, covering sustainable practices in design, energy, transport, water, food and urban development. This special outdoor casual screening also features an episode on architect Dr Ken Yeang and his work on the National Library Building.

ECO House Showcase

15 -31 Oct 08 | 10am – 6pm | Singapore Science Centre | Free

The ECO House, an EcOasis, was built with the intention to raise awareness on the issues surrounding sustainability in our built environment, in particular, the ecology of our buildings. The ECO House is the result of active youth involvement, as the emphasis is to educate the youths to make more informed choices in the way we want to live. Come explore the ECO House at Singapore Science Centre and learn from the youth ambassadors as they introduce ecological concepts.

Tropical Architecture - Current Studies by MKPL Architects

16 Oct 6.30 pm – 20 Oct 08 | MKPL Architects | Free

Since the firm's inception in 1995, MKPL Architects' works have always been fascinated in the exploration of the polarities in the physical, mental and spiritual aspects and how it is translated into the firm's studies in tropical architecture. This in turn has become a driving force in the firm's architectural design approach and philosophy which is visible in all of their works.

Tropical Architecture: Current Studies by MKPL Architects aims to give visitors an insight into the firm's rigorous and creative exploratory process towards an efficacy in their tropical architectural endeavor. The exhibition will showcase a retrospective of some key projects created by the firm encompassing the firm's past and present studies.

Venue: 150, Cecil Street - Lobby & MKPL Architects studio @ #12-00.

Opening hours: Weekdays from 9am to 6pm, except Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Closed on Sundays.

MY FAVOURITE PLACE - The European Prize of Architectural Photography 2007

16 – 29 Oct 08 | 9am–6pm | Mon–Sat | Goethe Institut Singapore, Winsland House II #05-01 | Free

In this exhibition MY FAVOURITE PLACE (The European Prize of Architectural Photography 2007), the word 'Place' includes public spaces. A total of 310 participants from 25 countries took part in the competition. On display are 112 works by 28 award-winning photographers.

Initiated in 1995, The European Prize of Architectural Photography is run by the non-profit association architektur bild e.v., a society in support of an artistic critique through photography of the built environment. The internationally known Prize, awarded once every two years, with a different theme, functions like a probe, reveals the potential and vast range of architectural photography. It is also distinguished as an instrument for advancing architecture, with international significance.

Curator Wilfried Dechau, a frequent award winner for his photographic works and his photographic publications, specialises in architecture, bridges and portraits. His vast experience has brought him to various publishers of architectural magazines, as an editor, in United Kingdom and Switzerland apart from Germany.

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Man+Environment Students Workshop

18 Oct 08 | 9.30am – 12.00pm | Singapore Polytechnic | Attendance by registration

A workshop crafted with students in mind, the objectives of the Man+Environment Students Workshop is to create an opportunity for an up-close and personal interaction between students and ArchiFest Forum speakers, and allow students to better draw references on issues beyond those presented during the Forum on 16/17 Oct.

Following the theme of "Man+Environment", how will each of our speakers envision their role and challenges as Architects, how will their practice change as the world moves into a more environmentally conscious era? Hear the speakers' take of this balance between creating "iconic" architecture and understanding their impact on the environment, and their discussion on these issues through illustration of practical works. Speakers will be invited to speak about Environment in the context of one or more of the proposed 3 aspects: Built and physical environment, cultural and social environment and Ecological environment.

Speakers line-up include:

- Andrew Maynard, Andrew Maynard Architects (Australia)
- Richard Hassell, WOHA (Singapore)
- Jo Noero, Noero Wolff Architects (South Africa)
- Fernando Menis, Menis Arquitectos (Spain)
- Madhura Prematilleke, Team Architrave (Sri Lanka)

Attendance by registration, extended to Forum student delegates only.

To register, please email your name/ school/ year of study and telephone no. to archifest@sia.org.sg

Architecture Photography Exhibition by Mr Albert Lim

20 – 31 Oct 08 | 10am-9pm | Promenade Level 8, National Library | Free

Albert Lim Koon Seng is an architectural photographer based in Singapore whose images have been published extensively in architectural journals such as A + U, MIMAR, Singapore Architect, World Architecture, SPACE and Monument. His photographs have also illustrated numerous books, including Modern Tropical Architecture and Singapore: Architecture of a Global City. His work has illustrated exhibitions at the Venice Biennale and Aedes East, Berlin. This exhibition held as part of the Archifest showcases a selection of works showcasing fine examples of man's appreciation of the built environment, through his lenses.

Skyrise Greenery : Meeting New Urban and Environmental Challenges of Developing Cities"

22 & 23 Oct 08 | Function Hall, Botany Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens | Ticketed event

Skyrise greenery has increasingly become an important component of sustainable urban development in the last few years. While aesthetics is only one of the many positive arguments to adopt skyrise greenery, substantial micro-climate improvements, heat island and environmental footprint reduction, rainwater retention, thermal insulation and creation of new habitats for animals and plants are the many environmental benefits that have been achieved by rapidly urbanising cities.

This two-day seminar organized by National Parks Board will aim to share best practices in Skyrise Greenery in the Tropics. Technical tours led by subject experts have also been incorporated to successful intensive, extensive and hybrid green roofs and vertical greenery implementations around Singapore.

The seminar will culminate in celebrating the best skyrise projects in Singapore with the SIA-NParks Skyrise Greenery Award Ceremony at Hort Park on 23 Oct (by invitation only).

For enquiries, please contact Ms Kay Pungkothai, Centre for Urban Greenery and Ecology, National Parks Board, Singapore, DID : +65 6462 7305, Email : pungkothai_m@nparks.gov.sg

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Design My Place Workshop

29 – 31 Oct 08 | Anglo-Chinese School | Free, Attendance by registration

Design My Place is a workshop for JC and upper secondary students, organised by ReallyArchitecture [re:act], to induct the youth into the mysteries of architecture and urban design. The students will be studying a neighbourhood area in Singapore and come up with designs that will help improve the area. These suggestions could form a resource and become an ideas-bank from which the authorities might consider translating into actual projects, empowering the youths to take initiatives, and making positive changes for the community.

To register, please email your name/ school/ year of study and telephone number to kenghua@reallyarchitecture.org

Joint NUS DOA-URA Seminar on Conservation

31 Oct 08

This annual seminar, jointly organised by National University of Singapore (NUS) Department of Architecture (DOA) and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) to raise awareness of Singapore's built heritage, has been around since 2002. The theme of this year's seminar is "Heritage Buildings Heritage Interiors". It will highlight that conserving historic buildings involves looking at a building as a whole, both its public face and its more private interiors as best practice. In Singapore, there is a whole range of interiors based on the different types of buildings. There are also different ways of dealing with these interiors sensitively and innovatively while keeping their key interior features like the internal spatial quality as part of the restoration. Case studies drawn from this year's Award winners and URA's recently completed restoration project at 157 Neil Road (The Baba House).

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About Singapore Archifest / www.archifest.sg

The Singapore Archifest is set to be an annual festival for the city to celebrate the built environment. This will be a precursor for the Singapore Architecture Biennale in 2010. Organized by the Singapore Institute of Architects, the main aim of the festival is to provide a platform for the breeding of a vibrant design culture, and consequently a design conscious society, by encouraging and guiding the general public and design professionals of all fields to interact in a fun and free atmosphere.

Singapore Archifest strives to promote the importance of architecture and urban design, which are playing an increasingly important role in the global competition among cities. It will foster a sense of community to harness the common goals and vision towards the making of an exciting Singapore, by bringing together the architects, planners and associated professionals to share future directions. Finally the myriad of activities aim to educate and engage the general public, as well as enthuse and motivate students, who are key in shaping the society and culture, in city planning and architecture.

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About Singapore Institute of Architects / www.sia.org.sg

The Singapore Institute of Architects is a professional organization established in 1961 with the objective to promote the architectural profession and the built environment in Singapore. The Institute is the sole representative for the architectural profession in Singapore.

The Institute's vision is to develop Singapore as an Architecture Capital. Our mission is to champion for excellence in architecture and the built environment. This mission is driven by four key strategic thrusts, namely Practice, Education, Design and Institution.

The management of the affairs of the Institute is the responsibility of an elected Council, comprising 17 members, one of whom, the Registrar of the Board of Architects, Singapore, is an ex-officio member. Of the 17 members, six are office bearers, who are collectively responsible for the administration and financial matters of the Institute.

About A.UDE / www.ura.gov.sg/aude/

URA's A.UDE Promotion Programme was set up to encourage and support private organisations and individuals who wish to carry out outreach activities in the areas of architecture and urban design. The Programme provides funding for a wide range of activities such as research, publications and exhibitions, so as to encourage different and innovative approaches to promoting architecture and urban design excellence in Singapore. Successful applicants can receive up to 50% of the total expenditure for such activities.

About National Library Board / www.nlb.gov.sg

National Library Board (NLB) was established on 1 September 1995 with the mission to provide a trusted, accessible and globally-connected library and information service so as to promote a knowledgeable and engaged society. NLB oversees the management of the National Library including the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, three regional libraries, 19 community libraries, two community children's libraries, as well as over 17 libraries belonging to government agencies, schools and private institutions. Through its innovative use of technology and collaboration with strategic partners, NLB ensures that library users have access to a rich array of information services and resources that are convenient, accessible and useful.

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