The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA) has announced their Landscape Design Awards 2008 “Landscape: Best Practice” at their 20th Annual Dinner held on 8 November 2008.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Donald LIAO Poon-Huai CBE, JP, presented the awards in the Landscape Design Project category. The President of HKILA, Mr. Leslie CHEN, presented the awards in the Landscape Planning / Research Study, Conceptual Landscape Project and Environmental Design Project categories. The Vice-President of HKILA, Mr. Evans IU, presented those in the Student Landscape Design Project category.

The Annual awards Design Awards are held to promote excellence in landscape planning, design, and research, to recognize outstanding achievements by landscape architects and students and to bring the work of local landscape architects and students to the Public’s attention.

Jury
The panel of six jurors for the Awards comprised three senior members of the landscape profession in HK, together with representatives from the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP), Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and Beijing Forestry University.

Submissions were judged on the richness and originality of the design, the complexity of the project with respect to site constraints, site specificity and respect of the existing environment and culture, the practicality of the solution, how well it was executed, and its contribution to the knowledge of the landscape profession in Hong Kong.

The Judging Panel:
Mr. Leslie CHEN – Head, Division of Landscape Architecture, HKU; President, The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (Chairman of the Judging Panel)
Professor Dr. WANG Xiangrong – Vice Dean of School of Landscape Architecture, Beijing Forestry University
Mr. Jonathan YUNG – Chief Landscape Architect, Architectural Services Department, HKSAR
Mr. Peter AUSTIN – Chairman, Landscape Architects Registration Board
Ms. Anna KWONG – Chairman, Board of Education, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr. K.K. LING – President, The Hong Kong Institute of Planners

Awards
Entries for the Awards were invited in May 2008, and 67 entries were received in total across the categories. The judging panel met on the 27th September to review all the entries and was duly impressed at the overall design quality of all entries. The jurors have seen an increase in the number of entries and a broader range of scope of work from Hong Kong’s landscape architects. They were pleased to make a substantial number of Awards of Merit, together with a Silver Award in each of the five categories. Awarded projects as below:
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### Silver Medal - Stanley Waterfront Improvement Project

Juror’s Comment:

“The design has attentively coped with the difficult site constraints and site complexity.”

Nominator: Architectural Services Department
Project Location: Stanley Main Street, Stanley, Hong Kong
Client / Owner: Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Project Start Date: October 2005
Project Completion Date: End 2007

### Silver Medal - Yingze Streetscape

Juror’s Comment:

“Set a good example of urban streetscape design in Chinese city with cultural traditions.”

Nominator: EDAW Limited
Project Location: Taiyuan, China
Client / Owner: Taiyuan Landscape Bureau
Project Start Date: March 2007
Project Completion Date: November 2007
Conceptual Landscape Project

Silver Medal
Project Title: Tianjin China Merchants Comprehensive Development
Nominator: Gravity Green Limited
Client/Owner: China Merchants Group, Tianjin
Award of Merit
Universal City, Dubailand
Galaxy Yabao Competition
Master Plan for I.T. Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Gurgaon, India
EDAW Limited
EDAW Limited
ERL - Hong Kong, Limited
Tatweer/Dubailand
Galaxy
ASF Infrastructure

Silver Medal - Tianjin China Merchants Comprehensive Development
Juror's Comment: "A strong and unifying design."

Nominator:
Gravity Green Limited
Project Location:
Southern Development Area, Wejin South Road, Tianjin, PRC
Client / Owner:
China Merchants Group, Tianjin
Project Start Date:
May 2007
Project Completion Date:
May 2009

Landscape Planning and Research Study

Silver Medal
Project Title: Wetland Restoration Handbook
Nominator: EDAW Limited
Client/Owner: EDAW Limited
Award of Merit
Universal Accessibility for External Areas, Open Spaces and Green Spaces
Shenzhen Coastal Park System
Architectural Services Department, HKSAR
EDAW Limited
Architectural Services Department, HKSAR
Government
Shenzhen Planning Bureau

Silver Medal - Wetland Restoration Handbook
Juror’s Comment: "A comprehensive research on wetland restoration."

Nominator:
EDAW Limited
Project Location: n/a
Client / Owner:
EDAW Limited
Project Start Date:
January 2006
Project Completion Date:
February 2007
**Environmental Design Project**

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**Silver Medal - Implementation of Greening Master Plan in Central and Tsim Sha Tsui**

**Juror's Comment:**
"Good example of solving all kinds of practical difficulties within the Greening Master Plan implementation process."

**Nominator:**
Civil Engineering & Development Department, HKSAR

**Project Location:**
Central and Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong

**Client / Owner:**
Hong Kong Government

**Project Start Date:**
2006

**Project Completion Date:**
2007

**Student Landscape Design Project**

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**Silver Medal - Graffiti Park at Pottinger Street - Activate the Lost Space**

**Juror's Comment:**
"A good design with practicality and innovation. Effective presentation."

**Nominator:**
Isaac NG Chung Man

**Project Location:**
Pottinger Street, Hong Kong
HKILA - 20th Anniversary Annual Dinner

A Great Night of Gathering

The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects 20th Annual Dinner was held on the 8 November 2008 at Regal Kowloon Hotel. Amongst many other distinguished guests, we had the privilege to have Mr. Donald Liao Poon-Huai 廖本懷 CBP JP, as our guest of honour. It was particularly meaningful as Mr. Liao was also the Officiating Guest at the Institute’s inauguration 20 years ago.

Some members were awarded Fellow Membership (FHKILA) during the evening in recognition of their continuous and outstanding contributions to the landscape profession. These first FHKILAs are: Mrs. Au Lee-Ting, Mr. Andross Chan, Mr. Andy Lewis, Mr. C K Wong, Mr. Kenneth Ng, Mr. Patrick Lau, Mr. Alexander Duggie and Mr. Stan Fung.

The HKILA Landscape Design Awards 2008 were also presented to the awardees by Mr. Matthew Pryor.

It was indeed an evening full of joy and memorable moments; photographs taken during the evening are now available on the web through the following link

http://picasaweb.google.com/hkumla/HKILAA nnualDinner_2008#

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Institute on its great success; and also wish to express my sincere thanks to the following members of the organizing committee for their tremendous efforts in realizing the event—Isaac So, Joyce Zan, Ken Law, Paul Chow and Philip Leung.

Paul Chan
Events and Functions Committee
There were altogether 15 entries including both in-house and outsourced projects. The jurors were Mr C.H. Yue, Director of Architectural Services, Professor Ho Puoy-peng, Department of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Ms Anna Kwong, HKIA President Elect 2009 -10.

The result is as follows:
1. Stanley Waterfront Improvement Project - Special Architectural Award (Urban Design)
2. Conversion of Kom Tong Hall into Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum - Special Architectural Award (Heritage Conservation)
3. Improvement Works to Morse Park Amphitheater - Special Mention
4. Special School for Severely Mentally Handicapped Children in Area 32, Tin Shui Wai - Special Mention

Congratulations to all the winners!

Our Council member, Kathy Ng (Senior Landscape Architect in CEDD), received the Secretary for the Civil Service's Commendation in November 2008. An award which recognizes selected civil servants for consistently outstanding performance.

Kathy has taken part in Penny's Bay Project and Greening Master Plan. In addition, she has been contributing a lot to the development of our profession through active involvement in the HKILA and the ArchSD Landscape Architects Association. She is the first landscape architect to receive this award.

For more information


**Thespesia populnea** 微揚 / 恒春黃槿 (Portia tree)

*Thespesia populnea* is a native tree species commonly found along Hong Kong's seashore. It grows on sandy beaches, rock crevices and the outer edges of mangroves, therefore it is also known as a 'mangrove associate'. It is an evergreen small tree reaching 8-10m height, but wild specimens can also be seen in a multi-trunk, shrubby appearance.

The leaves are heart shaped with prominent yellow veins, making it an attractive foliage plant when the plant is not in bloom. The tree is very similar to its relative *Hibiscus tiliaceus*, but they can be distinguished as the leaves of *Thespesia populnea* are more acute in shape, while that of *Hibiscus tiliaceus* are rounder.

Flowers appear almost all year round, but individual flowers are short-lived and don't last longer than a few days. They are initially light yellow in colour, and gradually change to a purplish red just before wilting. Fruits are round in shape, light-weight and watertight, and get afloat once they drop into water, an adaptation for marine dispersion.

The natural habitat of the tree signifies its remarkable ability to tolerate sandy soil, periodic drought, salt spray and wind exposure. Together with the attractive foliage and long flowering period make it an ideal native species for coastal planting. A sunny site shall be provided. Since the tree has a wild growing habit, regular pruning may be required to keep the crown in good shape. Propagation is by seed or cutting.

Local use of the species is currently limited and can be further promoted. Apart from seeing it in the wild, fine specimens can be found in Hong Kong Wetland Park.
The HKIE Environmental Division, together with the HKILA and Architectural Services Department Landscape Architects Association, held a seminar on "Trees in your projects: to retain or not to retain?" on 17 November 2008. The speaker, Kathy Ng, started the talk by explaining some improper tree treatments that killed trees and then illustrated how improper pruning and topping of the trees would cause trees’ life. In considering whether to retain a tree or not in a construction project, apart from the technical side, public concern and sentiment related to the cultural aspect of the trees should be taken into account right from the planning stage.

Trees under improper management would cause risk to life. Between the extremes in the attitude of tree preservation, a balanced and professional approach is important. It starts from a proper tree survey by a suitably qualified tree professional. Not all trees can be or should be preserved. The factors to consider in tree preservation include health, cost-effectiveness, amenity and ecologic value, survival rate during and after construction, conflict with design cultural and historical value and species.

Not all trees can be or should be transplanted. Factors to consider include transplantability, health, survival rate, cost effectiveness and amenity value. A systematic process is essential to the balanced approach. Proper expertise is required in different stage: tree survey and assessment; site planning; site preservation plan; design and documentation and monitoring on site.

Tree protection zone at the dripline of tree(s) is essential for the proper protection of trees in construction. Tree roots are shallow and yet wide spread so the tree protection zone plays an important role to prevent the root damage or change in level within the dripline.

In general, large planting bed or soil corridor planting is preferable to tree pit planting. Bad transplanting can cause fatal damage to trees. As such, proper tree protection and transplanting measures and design that is conducive to long term tree establishment should be incorporated in the specification and contract.

In implementation stage, a plan that ensures proper execution of tree protection works is essential. All team members should also be fully briefed of the basic knowledge of tree protection.

In conclusion, tree work is an essential part of a project. A holistic approach is required right from the early planning stage, together with the appropriate expertise at all stages, will provide added value to the project.

Field Guide to Trees in Hong Kong’s Countryside
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The Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department has recently published a field guide featuring 196 species of trees in Hong Kong’s countryside. This guide covers native and exotic/ naturalized trees. Each tree species is illustrated with colour photographs and apart from the description of the botanical and identifying features. The species are arranged according to plant families, grouping similar species together for reference and comparison. Even without flowers or fruits, one can identify easily through leaves arrangement, shape, margin, and other characteristics through the photo key.

This book supplements “AFCD's plant checklist” and “Flora of Hong Kong” by providing colour photographs of trees. It is useful for tree identification in tree survey in the countryside. You can get a copy of “The Field Guide to Trees in Hong Kong's Countryside” at the Government Bookstore’s or major book stores.