

## 13 private properties receive Gold Awards for best landscape design and maintenance (with photos)

The winners of the Best Landscape Award for Private Property Development 2018 were announced at a prize presentation ceremony today (June 21). Thirteen private properties with outstanding landscape design and quality horticultural maintenance received Gold Awards.

In addition to the 13 Gold Awards, 39 Merit Awards and 12 Environmental Efficiency Awards were given out at the ceremony to commend organisations for their efforts in greening and enhancing public awareness of green issues.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Acting Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Ida Lee, said the Best Landscape Award, held once every two years since its launch in 2000, aims to bring about sustained environmental improvements in private property developments. The Best Landscape Award also encourages private bodies to incorporate more quality green elements into the planning and management of horticultural projects for the benefit of such developments, she said.

Ms Lee pointed out that several changes were made to optimise the arrangement this year to encourage participation from more organisations. The number of categories increased from three to five while the age groups and sizes of properties were also amended.

She added that the response was encouraging. More than 240 nominated entries were received and the projects were impressive, showing that the participating organisations had put plenty of effort into greening.

The soft landscape designs of the winning projects are visually appealing. A large variety of plants including native tree species have been used to beautify the properties. The landscape features are also well integrated with the surrounding environment, meeting the challenge of creating pleasant areas which benefit both the residents and their neighbourhoods in the densely populated city.

Property management and maintenance professionals have also kept good care of the landscaping, offering quality greening areas to residents. Some projects, also winners of the Environmental Efficiency Award, have put an emphasis on environmental protection, collecting rainwater for reuse and applying organic fertiliser made from food waste.

The prize presentation ceremony was held at Kowloon Park Sports Centre today. Other officiating guests were the Patron of the Institute of Horticulture (Hong Kong), Sir David Akers-Jones; the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Mr Marvin Chen; the Immediate Past President of

the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, Mr Wong Tak-yip; the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Mr Dick Kwok; the Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council, Dr Paul Ho; and the President of the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies, Dr Johnnie Chan.

The competition presented awards in five categories. The Gold Award winners are as follows:

Domestic property:

(1) Large-scale domestic property (with more than 1 500 domestic units)

- i) Properties below six years of age: Grand YOHO
- ii) Properties between six and below 21 years of age: Residence Bel-Air
- iii) Properties 21 years of age or above: Sceneway Garden

(2) Medium-scale domestic property (two to four domestic buildings and with no more than 1 500 domestic units, or with 401 to 1 500 domestic units)

- i) Properties below six years of age: Mount Pavilia
- ii) Properties between six and below 21 years of age: Peak One
- iii) Properties 21 years of age or above: Pacific Palisades

(3) Small-scale domestic property (single building or with no more than 400 domestic units)

- i) Properties below six years of age: The Pavilia Hill
- ii) Properties between six and below 21 years of age: Shouson Peak
- iii) Properties 21 years of age or above: Windsor Heights

Non-domestic property (such as shopping malls, commercial buildings, schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (private premises) and private schools):

(4) Large-scale non-domestic property (with a gross floor area of 20 000 square metres or above)

- i) Properties below six years of age: Goldin Financial Global Centre
- ii) Properties between six and below 21 years of age: Citywalk
- iii) Properties 21 years of age or above: China Hong Kong City, Tsim Sha Tsui

(5) Small-scale non-domestic property (with a gross floor area under 20 000 square metres)

i) Properties below six years of age: Lee Tung Avenue

Photographs of all winning properties will be on display from June 23 to July 16 at the Kowloon Park Arcade. Admission is free.

