

# The 10th International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) Awards: Envisioning the Future

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**T**he prestigious IFLA Asia-Pacific region Landscape Architecture Awards, now known as IFLA Asia-Pac LA Awards, aim to create continuous awareness and recognition of landscape architecture together with like-minded partners and other professions that have played a key role in shaping our cities and environment towards a better future. The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) Asia-Pacific Region will host its 10th IFLA Asia-Pac Landscape Architecture (LA) Awards and inaugural LA Luminary Awards Ceremony on 4 November 2017 at the IFLA Asia Pacific Congress 2017 at Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen's Park.

The Federation received a total of 104 project entries from 50 landscape architecture firms from 10 countries namely Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, in nine categories, including Analysis & Master Planning, Communities, Cultural and Urban Landscape, Infrastructure, Lighting and Night Experience, Nature Conservation, Parks and Open Space, Residential and Skyrise Greenery. Entries were put through a rigorous two-stage

judging process, namely the online juror stage, involving 11 presidents from respective Asia Pacific national associations, followed by the final juror stage, consisting of 5 regional IFLA presidents, as well as two special guest jury on the panel.

In addition to a total of 84 awards, IFLA Asia-Pacific region introduced the IFLA Asia-Pac LA Luminary Award 2017. It is IFLA Asia-Pacific's inaugural and highest honour accorded to its regional luminaries who have inspired and made significant contribution in protecting, championing, advocating, enhancing and/or sustaining the living environment and communities in their profession, region, countries or cities.

The IFLA Asia-Pac LA Luminary Award will be held in conjunction with the IFLA Asia-Pac LA Awards on 4 November 2017 at the IFLA Asia Pacific Congress 2017 at Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen's Park.

More information can be found on [www.iflaapr.org](http://www.iflaapr.org)

## Outstanding Awards: Analysis and Master Planning

### LINES OF LINE | RAIL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN, SINGAPORE

**Name of Company/Participant** Nikken Sekkei Ltd  
**City & Country** Singapore



An ambitious yet realistic project based on clear in-depth analysis that addressed broad urban issues related to the site. There is high feasibility for the implementation of these strategies to integrate the diverse landscape with the site context. The analysis impressed the jury on the depth of studies and findings done to the site and the level of calibrated data made through the different aspects of the site. The master plan brilliantly integrated these complex information and data to propose different layers and strategies of interventions for nature, culture and heritage.

### THE CATALYST FOR URBAN GREEN DEVELOPMENT - COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING OF THE 2019 BEIJING INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION

**Name of Company/Participant** Beijing Tsinghua Tongheng Urban Planning and Design Institute, Beijing Institute of Landscape and Traditional Architectural Design and Research  
**City & Country** Beijing, China

An excellent piece of master plan with comprehensive planning and design to amend past weak environmental actions to this sector of Beijing. Broad-level site investigation in assessing the site challenges were carried out prior embarking on the master planning and strategies of the site. The rigorous investigation and multi-disciplinary collaboration by experts, employment of advanced tools and technology to aid analysis for high accuracy in projection. It is commendable to harness the Exposition programme as a long-term improvement to the concerned area.



### NEW LIFE IN HUTONGS - THE LANDSCAPE RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE OF JINGSHAN DISTRICT IN BEIJING OLD CITY

**Name of Company/Participant** Beijing Forestry University, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing Municipal Institution of City Planning and Design  
**City & Country** Beijing Old City, China

A wonderful and rigorous approach to the analysis and development of solutions to address various issues related with disappearing Hutongs. The comprehensive approach to revitalising the hutongs through research and public engagement are well executed. The small-scale renovations are sensitive and the restoration of hutongs to the human-scale is down-to-earth and focussed to improve quality of life for all. It is evident that communication with locals is key to this planning process. Detailed place research has profound influence on the design solutions that help increase feasibility for implementation.



# Outstanding Awards: Analysis and Master Planning

## THE GREEN NETWORK BASED ON WEIFANG WATER SYSTEM

**Name of Company/Participant** Beijing Forestry University, Aterlier DYJG  
**City & Country** Weifang City, Shandong Province, China

An exemplary large-scale river corridor project that acknowledged existing challenges and proposed a series of comprehensive natural systems with detailed objectives, framework and strategies. Complex systems overlaid with legible strategies and guidelines for future development. This is a great example for design professionals and students to analyse, understand a regional-scale master planning and its implementation process.



## WAYU WIND FARM

**Name of Company/Participant** RAFA Design Office Co.,Ltd.  
**City & Country** Nakhon Rachasima, Thailand

Impressive thorough investigation and careful analysis of land formation process, ecological connectivity of various design typologies prior recommendation. The demonstration of ecology and sustainable vigilance distinguishes this project amidst complexity of landscape and still yet embrace integrating energy research, social and infrastructure through site remediation studies. This supersedes the normal purpose of most windfarms being independent and functional energy generators.

## ASAHIKAWA KITASAITO GARDEN

**Name of Company/Participant** Takano Landscape Planning Co Ltd  
**City & Country** Asahikawa, Japan

The design resolution has been competently executed by addressing the existing site and coherently transformed into an inviting public space. The functional and aesthetic approach of creating biophilic benefits through riverbank improvements and successful public engagements in a sustainable manner. This is an exemplary project from concept to construction and maintenance.



## Outstanding Awards: Cultural and Urban Landscape



### HONG KONG TAMAR GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

**Name of Company/Participant** HOK International  
(Asia/Pacific) Ltd  
**City & Country** Hong Kong

In land-scarce Hong Kong, this exceptional project has managed to transform a densely-built complex into an open, green public space. This development evidently demonstrated the benefit of engaging landscape architects throughout the process - from concept stage to construction completion - and the landscape architect's professional services has significantly influenced the design outcome. This is exemplary for a government building, user-friendly and well-executed.

### TIANJIN CULTURAL PARK

**Name of Company/Participant** Ramboll Studio  
Dreiseitl Pte Ltd  
**City & Country** Tianjin, China

A truly ambitious and ingenious project with brilliant engineering solutions cum urban design. A fully complex project that has an excellent landscape resolution with a central waterbody that articulates the cultural and civic complex of the city with a dedicated public space with well-integrated blue and green infrastructure such as stormwater management. This serves as a multifunctional design tool to drive cultural and ecological resilience, bringing vibrancy to Tianjin City.



## Outstanding Awards: Infrastructure



### KOPUPAKA RESERVE

**Name of Company/Participant** Isthmus Group Ltd  
**City & Country** Auckland, New Zealand

A truly excellent project that demonstrates quality infrastructural engineering design with design and cultural integration. The clever use of sensitive construction materials choice and interpreting traditions to form intricate weaving patterns. The scale, proportion and detail treatments harmonised with surrounding landscape. It is a beautiful project in its simplicity with a relatively humble budget and high level of design innovation.

### REMEMBRANCE DRIVE INTERCHANGE

**Name of Company/Participant** OCULUS  
**City & Country** Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

A simple, elegant and artistic design that addressed several considerations and constraints to transform a highway interchange into a memorable place. The intentionality to create a commemorative space weighs greater than the functional infrastructure provision. This project also shows the benefits of landscape architects involvement in leading, recommending human-scale interventions, influencing quality public realm design and heritage preservation and enhancement. This results in a beautiful landscape.



### TAUMANU RESERVE

**Name of Company/Participant** Isthmus Group Ltd  
**City & Country** Auckland, New Zealand

A great level of multi-disciplinary work, the Taumanu Reserve functions as an infrastructure that reconnects the community to the sea, having revived a once-obscured sense of place and enhanced the quality of life for residents. The 6.8ha park has a 1.4km long coastline with beaches, a boat ramp and turning bay, picnic areas, and several open spaces. Walking and cycling paths traverse the foreshore and link to Onehunga Bay Reserve via a gateway bridge.

## Outstanding Awards: Lighting and Night Experience



### GARDENS BY THE BAY

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**Name of Company/Participant** Grant Associates  
**City & Country** Singapore

The lighting was integrated beautifully throughout the park with key spaces, botanical collections and architectural features in an exemplary night experience, befitting that of an iconic national garden. The light colouring sets off the planting and reflected the water very well. A visit to this park at night would truly be a magical and fantasy experience.

## Outstanding Awards: Parks and Open Space



### BALLAST POINT PARK

**Name of Company/Participant** McGregor Coxall  
**City & Country** Sydney, Australia

A high-quality sustainable landscape project achieved a functional parkland using locally available materials and plants. The design optimised site views and prospects with lookouts and introduced educational and public interpretative elements to inform of the historical narratives. The engaging landscape interpretation as an analytical approach to comprehending historical antecedent is highly commendable.

### MACKENZIE FALLS GORGE TRAIL

**Name of Company/Participant** Hansen Partnership  
**City & Country** Australia

A simply outstanding project that established strong connections to the place. This project celebrates the natural landscape and fidelity to the site context and has transformed users' landscape experience in a positive way with a good understanding.



### GARDENS BY THE BAY

**Name of Company/Participant** Grant Associates  
**City & Country** Singapore

An amazing park project that has transformed an area to be a key attraction of Singapore. The strong sense of place, horticulture collections and impressive use of art have significantly contributed to the international identity of the city. This is an impeccable fulfilment of a spectacular and iconic landscaped public park and garden in the heart of the new Marina Central Business District. It is well posed to be among the best world's wonders of the 21st century. The various open spaces and intimate corners of the gardens demonstrated careful considerations and needs of people. The water, streams and other fun spaces like the water play areas demonstrated the careful curation of the experiences by the landscape architect, in exceeding the expectations of the spaces by different demographics.

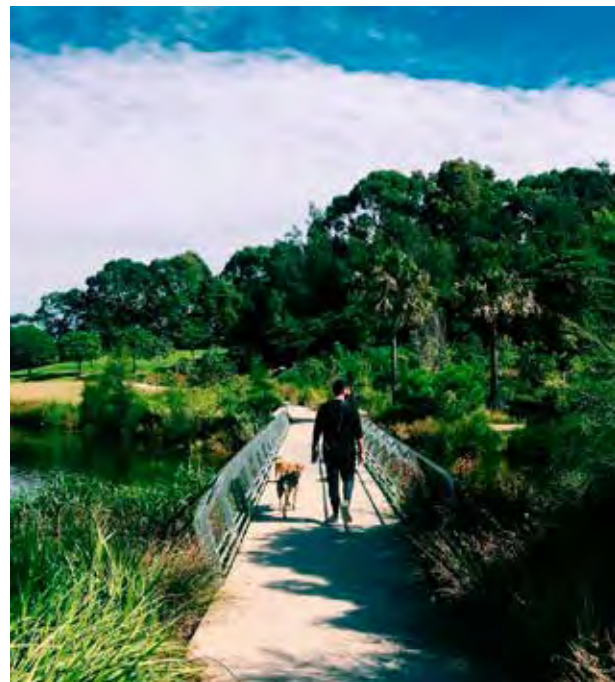


## SYDNEY PARK WATER RE-USE PROJECT

**Name of Company/Participant** Turf Design Studio & Environmental Partnership

**City & Country** St Peters, NSW, Australia

A fantastic project that commanded a strong vision and advocated sustainability, public education and establishment of ecological links. Its full delivery of its intended design outcomes surpassed the possibility of this project engineered in a typical municipal utilitarian approach. It is evident that the landscape architect took the lead to have a bold and dramatic influence design.



## YONG RIVER WATERFRONT PARK

**Name of Company/Participant** AECOM

**City & Country** Ningbo, Hong Kong

The project was a good effort in the restoration of waterfront space for community and recreational needs. It showcased a good restraint in the design based on a good understanding of site and leveraged on its strengths to optimise spatial planning for implementation of a beautiful park experience for all ages to enjoy. The landscape architect has addressed social responsibility through a strong consideration for user inclusiveness. Indeed, this is highly commendable.

## TAUMANU RESERVE

**Name of Company/Participant** Isthmus Group Ltd

**City & Country** Auckland, New Zealand

This project is a beautiful and harmonious amalgamation of culture, history, nature, ecology, amenity, sustainability and community. Whilst land reclamation was involved, it was carried out with a empathetic and sensitive approach to the environment, where the site was situated. This project demonstrated the fine craftsmanship of landscape interventions, materiality and methodology in ensuring the implementation carried through the design intent and environmental concerns. Simple but outstanding approach.





## Outstanding Awards: Residential

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**Name of Company/Participant** Shma Company Limited  
**City & Country** Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand

This is a very competent and well-composed design that exceeded expectations. The disciplined and ecologically sensitive approach has led to a high-quality landscape project. It was evident that there was a high level of intervention design from the fine design process and responsible care for the existing landscape.



## Outstanding Awards: Skyrise Greenery



### OASIA (DOWNTOWN) HOTEL

**Name of Company/Participant** STX Landscape Architects  
**City & Country** Singapore

An innovative and forward-thinking management of skyrise greenery system integrated with architecture. Such greenery façade with evolving surfaces that change over time, are clever and unprecedented horticultural strategies. The choice of plants and maintenance are well considered. Careful collaborative efforts between landscape architect and architect have given rise to a splendid balance of performance vegetation and architecture with biophilic values in an urban setting. This is amongst the most successful skyrise greenery projects.

