Singapore Garden Festival 2016

Singapore has set a new Guinness World Record for the World’s Largest Floral Chandelier! Made up of 60,000 flowers, the chandelier was part of the launch of the Singapore Garden Festival, Singapore’s premier biennial international horticulture and flower event.

More than 260 students, community gardeners, corporate volunteers and NParks staff helped put the chandelier together, with Minister for National Development, Mr Lawrence Wong, helping to complete the structure at the launch event.

The sixth edition of the Singapore Garden Festival, which will run from Jul 23 to 31 at Gardens by the Bay, is set to be the largest ever, both in size and content. See you there!
Our Favourite Place

Chairs in Squares (movable chairs), Picnic in the Park (picnic tables and swings), Play Space (a 3-D play set) – these are just some of the creative pop-up installations under a pilot programme by URA to involve the community in enlivening Singapore’s public spaces. Building on this success, URA has also formalised a public space programme called Our Favourite Place to support projects initiated by the community to turn public areas into active community spaces!

Civic District tree trail

The next time you are in the Civic District, do visit the Civic District Tree Trail! Among the highlights of the trail is an avenue of 22 heritage rain trees along Connaught Drive. Some of the trees date back to the mid-1880s and have witnessed key events in the district including the declaration of independence from the British for Singapore by then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1963, and Singapore’s first National Day celebrations in 1966.

Smart living in Yuhua

Some 3200 households in Yuhua are going smart! Households trying to keep their household bills in check can use the Utilities Management System to track and minimise their household energy and water consumption on the go. Those with elderly family members alone at home can also have greater peace of mind with the Elderly Monitoring System, which provides caregivers with real-time updates about the well-being of the elderly and alerts them of any incidents at home in need of immediate attention.

Going green at work

Offices are making a pledge to go green! At BCA’s two-day Green Office Pop-Up event at Ocean Financial Centre, visitors learned more about green practices and features that could be adopted in offices. Many also pledged their personal green contributions at work and voted for their favourite green habits!