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A “CELEBRATION” OF LOCAL TALENT – THE 5TH CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD REVEALS YOUNG BUDDING SCULPTORS

- **30-year-old clinches CDL Singapore Sculpture Award 2013 title prize**
- **ITE College Central (Ang Mo Kio) sweeps Student Category, winning three of four Awards**
- **Youngest student winner is 16 years old**
- **Winning works will be exhibited at The Arts House from 2 to 6 October 2013**

The first and only nation-wide sculpture competition, the 5th CDL Singapore Sculpture Award has witnessed tremendous growth since it was first held over a decade ago in 2003. Over the years, this biennial Award has discovered and celebrated the creative endeavours of many young and aspiring local artists.

With cash prizes totaling \$25,000, participants of this site-specific sculpture competition also vie for the opportunity to have his or her work commissioned and installed for public display at the designated sculpture site for each Award.

In conjunction with City Developments Limited (CDL)'s 50th Anniversary and 50 Years of Greening Singapore this year, participants were invited to create works around the theme, “Celebrate!” which pays homage to Singapore's reputation as a City in a Garden, marked by decades of planning and cultivation. The designated sculpture site for this year's Award is within a recreational area at East Coast Park that is slated for redevelopment. If suitable, the winning work will be commissioned for installation within Singapore's most popular park.

Open Category winner, 30-year-old Kenneth Koh Qibao, an architectural designer with FARM, impressed the judges with his winning work, “A Hundred Lines”. Comprising a total of 100 lines, his work commemorates 50 years of creative urban architecture and 50 years of Singapore's greening campaign. It depicts a gleaming cityscape of crystalline forms rendered by 50 vertical lines of metal. The metal is built atop a landscape of paths, waterways and landforms weaving around the city; formed by yet another 50 meandering lines of tropical wood, each engraved with text lines of 50 local plant species. The work is emblematic of the dramatic transformation of Singapore's skyline and greenery; a vision best achieved together. Kenneth was incidentally the top prize winner in the Student Category during the last Award in 2009. His success at this year's competition validates his creative journey as an artist since his graduation.

In the Student Category, three out of four of the winning entries were by ITE College Central (Ang Mo Kio) students in the first year of the space design (architecture) course. The winner of the CDL Youth Sculpture Award 2013 title is 16-year-old Kenneth Chua Wei Feng, whose work “Tunes and Muse – A Playing Sculpture” was lauded by the judges for its unique interactive element and structurally impressive design concept. Inspired by the xylophone, the piece encourages the audience to participate by creating a dialogue between two different art forms; sculpture and music. The musical sounds created will be amplified through an underground sound box.

“As a homegrown developer, beyond just shaping our cityscape with architectural icons, we are honoured to have helped contribute to our social landscape and enriching our cultural legacy. Through this sustained arts initiative, we have unearthed talented young artists who have since gone on to make their mark in the arts arena locally and globally. To date, we have commissioned and installed a total of five public sculptures, with another iconic piece at the heart of the city at Raffles Place Park, to be unveiled later this year. Together with our partners, we hope to nurture a thriving community of local sculptural artists that will form one of the pillars of the arts and cultural identity in Singapore,” said Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL.

Twenty five of the most creative solutions, including the award-winning works will be on display at the 5th CDL Singapore Sculpture Award Exhibition from 2 to 6 October 2013. The Exhibition is presented by CDL in partnership with The Arts House.

Gracing the Official Opening of the Exhibition at The Arts House this evening, Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information, presented the prizes and plaques to the eight winners of the competition.

A total of 305 submissions were received for the 5th CDL Singapore Sculpture Award, the second highest number of entries over the last four competitions. Of these, some 20 were first-time participants in the Open Category. The Student Category continued to receive strong support from 23 secondary schools and tertiary institutions, with Temasek Polytechnic submitting 50 entries.

For more information, please refer to:

Annex 1: Details on the Exhibition

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Annex 3: The series of commissioned public sculptures from this arts initiative

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ANNEX 1

THE 5TH CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD EXHIBITION

2 – 6 October 2013
The Arts House – Gallery
Free Admission

FEATURING THE WINNING WORKS AND HIGHLY-COMMENDED ENTRIES OF THE 5TH CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD

The 5th CDL Singapore Sculpture Award Exhibition showcases 25 of the most creative solutions conceptualised by participants of the first and only nation-wide sculpture competition.

Based on the theme *Celebrate!*, the works are inspired by Singapore's uniqueness as a City in a Garden that melds exciting architectural forms with a rich natural landscape and are designed as a landmark East Coast Park – Singapore's most popular park.

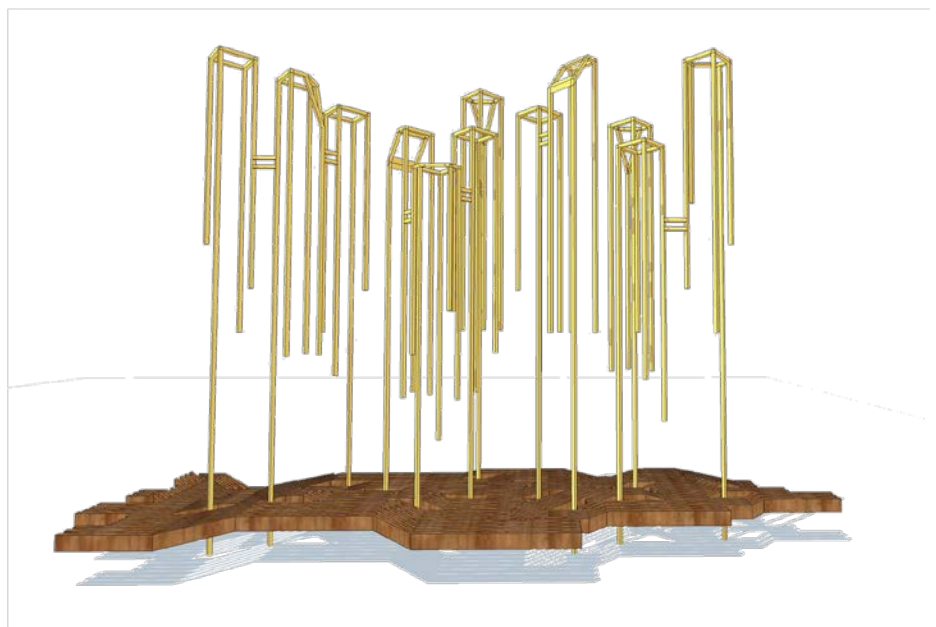
In conceptualising their sculptures, artists and sculptors embraced the opportunity to exercise their creativity and many created interactive art installations that would engage park-users. Their sculptures were also envisioned as an icon within a lush lifestyle precinct within East Coast Park that is being redeveloped. The designated sculpture site is an open lawn area adjacent to a large playground within this upcoming F&B and recreational hub.

Initiated and organised by City Developments Limited (CDL), the Award was established in 2002. The Award's Partners include the National Parks Board, National Heritage Board, National Arts Council, LASALLE College of the Arts, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and School of the Arts Singapore.

The Arts House is the Exhibition Venue Partner.

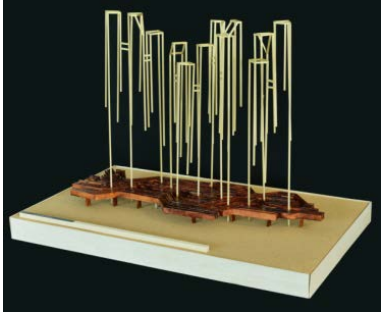



The Exhibition is curated by Mr Tan Wee Lit, artist/ sculptor and winner of the 3rd CDL Singapore Sculpture Award in 2007.

A Hundred Lines
by Kenneth Koh Qibao
Open Category Winner



ANNEX 2

THE 5TH CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD – LIST OF WINNERS AND WORKS

Award & Prize	Winner	Details of Work	
OPEN CATEGORY			
<p>CDL Singapore Sculpture Award 2013</p> <p>\$10,000 Cash and Award Plaque</p>	<p>Kenneth Koh Qibao</p>	<p><i>A Hundred Lines</i></p> <p>Anodised aluminium hollow section rods, engraved balau wood</p>	
<p>First Runner-Up</p> <p>\$3,000 Cash and Award Plaque</p>	<p>Tay Swee Siong</p>	<p><i>Flight of Winged Seeds</i></p> <p>Stainless steel, aluminium, carbon fibre</p>	
<p>Merit Award</p> <p>\$1,500 Cash and Award Plaque</p>	<p>Lim Guan Huat</p>	<p><i>Birds and Lasso Series – Fly Free!</i></p> <p>316 stainless steel</p>	
<p>Merit Award</p> <p>\$1,500 Cash and Award Plaque</p>	<p>Sim Lian Huat</p>	<p><i>The Lighthouse</i></p> <p>Copper, glass and stainless steel</p>	

STUDENT CATEGORY

CDL Youth Sculpture Award 2013

\$5,000 Cash and Award Plaque

Kenneth Chua Wei Feng

*ITE College Central
(Ang Mo Kio)*

Tunes and Muse – A Playing Sculpture

Stainless steel pipes on stainless steel girder hanging on RC columns. Underground sound box with culvert for rainwater outlet.



First Runner-Up

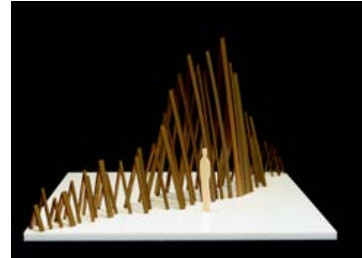
\$2,000 Cash and Award Plaque

Shaul Hameed

*ITE College Central
(Ang Mo Kio)*

Entrance of Life

Brass in brush finish



**Merit Award
(Innovative Craftsmanship)**

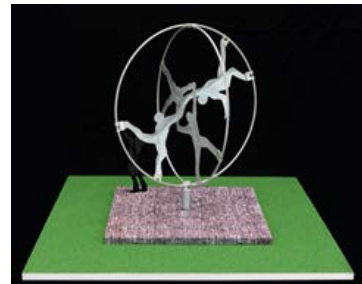
\$1,000 Cash and Award Plaque

Muhamad Hanafi Bin Zainuddin

*ITE College Central
(Ang Mo Kio)*

The Circle Of Elation

Swivel stainless steel ring frames on concrete plate form



**Merit Award
(Most Creative Use of Materials)**

\$1,000 Cash and Award Plaque

Paul Enoch Koh Wen Jun

Nanyang Technological University

Tree of Life

Resin, acrylic, formaldehyde, mempat tree



ANNEX 3

COMMISSIONED WORKS FROM THE CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD

A firm supporter of the arts, CDL has been contributing significantly to the Singapore arts scene for more than a decade.

Initiated by CDL in 2002, the CDL Singapore Sculpture Award aims to nurture young talents and enrich Singapore's sculptural landscape through the commission and installation of the winning artworks for public display.

Reed Sculpture by Peter Chen, the winning work from the inaugural CDL Singapore Sculpture Award was installed at Robertson Quay and unveiled in 2007.

The winning creation from the 2nd Award in 2005, *The Wind, Her Rain, And A Cloud Meet With A Tree In The Monsoon Season*, by sculptor Yeo Chee Kiong, was installed at City Green, the Urban Park integrated with City Square Mall in 2009.

In 2011, the winning work from the 4th Award, *An Enclosure for a Swing*, by architect / artist Kelvin Lim, was installed atop a constructed hill within the redeveloped Bishan – Ang Mo Kio Park.

The installation of the winning work for the 3rd Award, *All the Essentially Essential* by Tan Wee Lit, at Raffles Place Park will be completed in Q4 2013.

Apart from the winning works from the CDL Singapore Sculpture Award, CDL has also commissioned two commemorative sculptures for the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games.



REED SCULPTURE by Peter Chen / Winning work of 1st CDL Singapore Sculpture Award in 2003 / Robertson Quay



THE WIND, HER RAIN, AND A CLOUD MEET WITH A TREE IN THE MONSOON SEASON by Yeo Chee Kiong / Winning work of 2nd CDL Singapore Sculpture Award in 2005 / City Green, City Square Mall



AN ENCLOSURE FOR A SWING by Kelvin Lim / Winning work of 4th CDL Singapore Sculpture Award in 2009 / Bishan – Ang Mo Kio Park



A WORLD UNITED by Huang Yifan / Commemorative Sculpture for the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games / Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade



BREATHE by Edwin Cheong / Commemorative Sculpture for the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games / Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade