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SENTOSA COVE ACCREDITED THE LANDSCAPE EXCELLENCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK CERTIFICATION

5 November 2015, Singapore - Sentosa Cove, Singapore's unique luxurious waterfront residences has been accredited the prestigious Landscape Excellence Assessment Framework (LEAF) certification by the National Parks Board of Singapore (NParks).

The LEAF is a certification which distinguishes development projects with outstanding greenery. It is the first and only scheme in Singapore that is solely dedicated to the provision and management of greenery by recognising developers, architects and landscape architects for their excellence.

As part of its performance evaluation and judging criteria, NParks had assessed diverse areas of developments within the 118-hectare Sentosa Cove, encouraging pervasive and ecologically-friendly landscapes within Singapore's urban developments.

Sentosa Cove is home to a myriad of flora and fauna. Various species of flora, including trees, palms, shrubs, climbers and turf, have been nurtured in Sentosa Cove's thriving biological environment.

With a warm and welcoming surrounding, it is no wonder that fauna would find its way to this inviting enclave. Birds, butterflies, insects, mammals and reptiles thrive in this bio-diverse landscape. Various plant species such as the Pride of Barbados (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*), Sea Lettuce (*Scaevola taccada*) and Pucok merah (*Leea rubra*), attract several birds and butterflies, including butterfly species such as the Blue Glassy Tiger, Common Bluebottle and Painted Jezebel. These stunning beauties of Mother Nature reside in the Butterfly Garden, located in Sentosa Cove Village.

Occasionally, one may hear the singing of the Asian Fairy Bluebird and Black Naped Oriole, or chance upon the Collared Kingfisher or Oriental Pied Hornbill by the water bodies.

Sentosa Cove's landscape is also home to many native, regional and exotic plant species. As these plants are more adaptable to the local climate, they contribute to the sustainability of the existing bio-diversity in this natural habitat. These include the Rabbit's Foot Fern (*Davallia denticulata*), Bamboo Orchid (*Arudina graminifolia*) and the Ceylon Ironwood tree (*Mesua ferrea*).

The provision and management of greenery also comprises present and future landscape plans for Sentosa Cove. The maintenance and landscape enhancement team continually review, implement and improve the existing landscape, including the introduction of colourful, vibrant and tropical plant species.

A concurrent development is the irrigation system, with different types of methods for use. These sprinklers can be adjusted to accommodate the site, where the frequency and amount of water required are automatically computed by the system using weather information gathered via satellite technology. This has resulted in water conservation and reduction in maintenance cost. Mobile sprinklers have also allowed manpower to be redeployed for other works. This has led to greater productivity and efficiency.

"It is with pride that Sentosa Cove has been accredited the LEAF certification, an accolade which highlights Sentosa Cove as an outstanding ecologically-friendly enclave in an urban landscape. We are proud to achieve the LEAF certification for Sentosa Cove. This is possible with the dedication of our team, through meticulous planning in greenery provision and landscape management," beamed Catherine Chew, General Manager of Sentosa Cove Resort Management Pte Ltd.

"Sentosa Cove Resort Management will continue to ensure that the landscape in Sentosa Cove is maintained at the highest standards using environmentally-friendly methods and management. This certification recognises SCRM's efforts to uphold the stringent standards placed by NParks, and we will continually strive towards creating pervasive, ecological friendly and attractive bio-diverse landscapes in Sentosa Cove," she continued.

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About Sentosa Cove

Sentosa Cove, located on the eastern tip of Singapore's tropical island resort of Sentosa, is Asia's ultimate lifestyle address. This luxury estate is home to more than 2,000 oceanfront villas, waterway bungalows, hillside mansions and upscale condominiums.

At the heart of Sentosa Cove and nestled against a spectacular backdrop of a stunning waterway is Quayside Isle, a premium lifestyle and entertainment hub for dining and shopping. Open to both public and residents, Quayside Isle features a collection of specialty restaurants and bars, casual gourmet cafés and retail shops overlooking the marina and the sea.

The 240-room W Singapore-Sentosa Cove, Singapore's only marina hotel, boasts a picturesque view of the azure marina. It is an oasis of modern luxury for discerning business travellers, vivacious staycationers and sophisticated globetrotters.

Sentosa Cove is also home to the award-winning ONE°15 Marina Club, equipped with world-class marina facilities and luxury club amenities.

Minutes from the city and easily accessible by road, Sentosa Cove boasts an integrated and exceptional oceanfront community, one that combines a unique tapestry of exclusive residential, retail, resort and marina amenities.