

# Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters Professional – SIWW “Enhancing Liveability of Our Environment” (4 June’14)

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Guest of Honour, Ms Grace Fu delivering the opening address



A warm welcome for the guest of honour, Ms. Grace Fu. From Left: Ms. Angela Koh, Mr. Chew Men Leong, Ms. Grace Fu (Guest of honour), Er. Chong Kee Sen and Mr. Tan Nguan Sen.

As part of the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) the Public Utilities Board (PUB), the national water agency; and The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) organized “Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters- Enhancing Liveability of Our Environment” on 4 June 2014 at the Marina Bay Sands, Sands Expo & Convention Center. The seminar brought professionals renowned in the field of urban design and liveability together to share their insights on the ideas and challenges faced in the application and implementation of ABC Waters design features, and the role which the ABC Waters framework plays in creating a water-sensitive Singapore. The seminar is supported by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA). Ms Grace Fu, Minister, the Prime Minister’s Office, the Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, was the Guest of Honour at the event which saw a turnout of 150 participants. The topics which were addressed in the seminar and their respective speakers are as follows:

Seminar Topic	Speaker
The Challenge to go beyond - Lessons learned from ABC Waters Design Guidelines	Prof Herbert Dreiseitl
Bioretention System Development and Application in Singapore	Dr Hu Jiangyong
Project Implementation Strategies for ABC Waters projects	Mr Howie Tan
The role of ABC Waters in creating a Liveable Singapore	Prof Tony H F Wong

Participants of the event also had the opportunity to engage and interact with each other at informal networking opportunities between sessions.

The seminar coincided with the launch of ABC Waters Design Guidelines 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, as well as the third ABC Waters Certification Ceremony. The Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters (ABC Waters) programme is PUB's long-term strategic programme to realise the full potential of Singapore's water infrastructure. Launched in 2006, it aims to transform Singapore's pervasive network of drains, canals and reservoirs into beautiful and clean streams, rivers and lakes that are vibrant and aesthetically pleasing, for all to enjoy.



ABC Waters Certificates for award recipients

The ABC Waters Certification was introduced by PUB in 2010 to provide recognition to public agencies and private developers who embrace the ABC Waters concept, and incorporate ABC Waters design features in their developments. The assessment for the certification is based on a point system with four categories, namely "Active", "Beautiful", "Clean" and "Innovation".

Ms Grace Fu presented the ABC Waters Certification to the award recipients and representatives. The projects and the developers/building owners which have been awarded the certificates are as follows:

Project name	Developer/Building Owner
Blossom Residences	City Developments Limited
d'Leedon	CapitaLand Singapore Limited
Eight Riversuites	UE Development (Bendemeer) Pte. Ltd.
Firefly Park @ Clementi	Housing & Development Board
NV Residences	City Developments Limited
Sengkang N2 Neighbourhood Park	Housing & Development Board
Sky Habitat	CapitaLand Singapore Limited
The Glyndebourne	City Developments Limited
The Interlace	CapitaLand Singapore Limited
The Rainforest	City Developments Limited
Tuaspring Desalination Plant	Tuaspring Pte Ltd
Waterway Banks	Housing & Development Board
Waterway Brooks	Housing & Development Board
Waterway Ridges	Housing & Development Board
Waterway Sunbeam	Housing & Development Board
Waterway Woodcress	Housing & Development Board
Yishun Greenwalk & N3 Neighbourhood Park	Housing & Development Board



*Ms Grace Fu with the representatives and award recipients of the 2014 ABC Waters Certification*



*Informal networking opportunities between sessions*