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OPERATION VOID DECK

ARCHIFEST '09: Architecture for Humanity
DESIGN COMPETITION

Operation Void Deck

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COMPETITION BRIEF, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) presents **Operation Void Deck**, an open competition to design an architectural feature at the void decks of public housing estates. Jointly organized by SIA, Marine Parade Town Council, National Library Board, and Hong Leong Holdings Limited, the aim of the competition is to generate unique, exciting ideas on how to improve the quality of life for the residents, and show how architecture and design can impact society.

For this inaugural edition, Block 51 Marine Terrace will serve as a site to envision how the ground level of the block might be used to contribute to needs of the surrounding community.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The competition is open to all Singapore-based architects, interior designers, students, and people with great ideas.

2.2 Education Programme

In line with Operation Void Deck, National Library Board Singapore is organizing a Bear Fruit Academy programme to help interested parties develop their design proposals. This is open to all nonprofessionals as well as to students and interested parties. For more information on the programme, please contact Chris Koh at Chris_KOH@nlb.gov.sg or log onto <http://thecreativeacademy.wordpress.com/> for more information.

2.3 The Competition will be administered by :
Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)
79B Neil Road
Singapore 088904
Under SIA Architectural Design Competition Guidelines

3.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Each participant or participating team may submit only **one** (1) entry for the competition.

3.2 All entries must be in English and accompanied by the following:

- a) Two (2) panels of A1 landscape sheets, mounted on exhibit-ready 841mm (W) by 594mm (H) white compact-foam panels of not more than 5mm thickness.
- b) One (1) set of design report comprising
 - Reduced A3 size color copies of the A1 boards
 - Narrative description with a minimum of font size twelve (12), of not more than 500-800 words.
- c) The content of the panels should include:
 - Plan
 - Renderings & drawings
- d) A CD containing
 - Soft copies of drawings and images and photos contained in the panels and design report in high resolution jpeg format (each at

- least 300 dpi, A3 size).
 - Photographs of the team members are required too (each at least 200 dpi, A5 size).
 - All text in the A1 and A3 sheets should be attached as text
 - Images of A1 Boards submitted (each at least 300 dpi, A3 size)
- e) All panel and report submitted must be anonymous. Submission is to be accompanied by a copy of the Concealed Identification Form that will be forwarded by the return email from the competition secretariat after registration (please email design_competition@sia.org.sg to register). The form is to be duly completed and sealed in a separate unmarked envelope taped to the back of the first A1 board.

4.0 JUDGING CRITERIA

All entries will be accessed by the appointed judges according to the following criteria:

Entries should present a vision of how to encourage community interaction and improve the quality of life of the residents across generations, especially the elderly.

Design ideas can range from a furniture installation to the remodeling of an area within or surrounding the void deck at Block 51 Marine Terrace.

The envisioned proposal should factor in mind a construction budget of \$30,000.

Refer to the APPENDIX for the full set of competition guidelines.

5.0 THE JURY

- 5.1** The Jury for "Operation Void Deck" Design Competition, will comprise the following members:

SIA President (or Representative nominated by President)
1 Representative from Marine Parade Town Council
1 Representative from Department of Architecture (NUS)
2 other Architects

- 5.2** The decision of the Jury is final and shall not be negotiated, contested, reviewed, challenged or appealed against by any party through any means or process whatsoever. The discretion of the Jury to withhold an award is absolute.

6.0 PRIZES, AWARDS AND EXHIBITION OF ENTRIES

- 6.1** The winning design entry will stand the chance to be further developed with support from SIA, and may potentially be built at Block 51 Marine Terrace in early 2010. Special mentions will be exhibited in an ideas gallery.

The prize categories are:
1st prize – SGD 3000

2nd prize – SGD 2000
3rd prize – SGD 1000

The above prizes are kindly sponsored by Hong Leong Holdings Ltd.

- 6.2** Only award winners will be notified by mail/email
- 6.3** The Secretariat will take reasonable measures for the safe keeping of the competitor's submissions, but will accept no responsibility for loss or damages however caused.

7.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES

All Competition entries are the property of the organisers (Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and Habitat for Humanity) and all entries will not be returned to the participants. The organisers reserve the rights to retain any submitted material for the purposes of exhibition, publication, publicity and archives. However, the intellectual copyright will remain with the designer. The applicants acknowledge that the organisers have the right to reproduce materials in whole or part without payment/fees to the holder of publication rights or copyright.

8.0 PROGRAMME

- 8.1** Launch of Competition 5 Oct 09 (Mon)
- 8.2** Queries and answers will be posted onto
The ArchiFest website (www.archifest.sg) by 26 Oct 09 (Mon)
- 8.3 Closing Date for Submission 12 noon, 16 Nov 09 (Mon)**
- 8.4** Announcement of winners 30 Nov 09 (Mon)

9.0 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND SUBMISSION DETAILS

There is NO participation fee.

Submission of all entries must be made by 16 November 2009 by 12 noon to:

SIA Secretariat
Singapore Institute of Architects
79B Neil Road
Singapore 088904

At the time of submission, the competitor shall submit a sealed envelope containing the Entrant's Release Form and the Concealed Identification Form, the 2 A1 boards (in Landscape layout) and the report mentioned in Item 3.0. The envelope shall be opened after the jury has made its decision.

10.0 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Any competitor wishing to obtain further information on the brief or terms and conditions may send queries in English and in writing by email to the Secretariat at design_competition@sia.org.sg.

Such email shall clearly state "Operation Void Deck" as the subject heading. Only upon receipt of an acknowledgement email sent by the competition

secretariat shall the query be officially registered for a response at the Competition Question-and-Answer webpage.

11.0 DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS AND AWARD WINNERS

- 11.1** Participation in the “New Ideas for Recyclable Housing” Design Competition implies that unconditional acceptance of the contents of the Competition Terms and Conditions

All Entrants are not permitted to publish or have their submission (or any part thereof) published prior to the notification of the Jury’s final decision.

- 11.2** All announced winners for the competition may be required to participate in media interviews, public exhibitions and show case sessions to present the ideas encapsulated within the design. Failure to participate in these events may be grounds for disqualification.

12.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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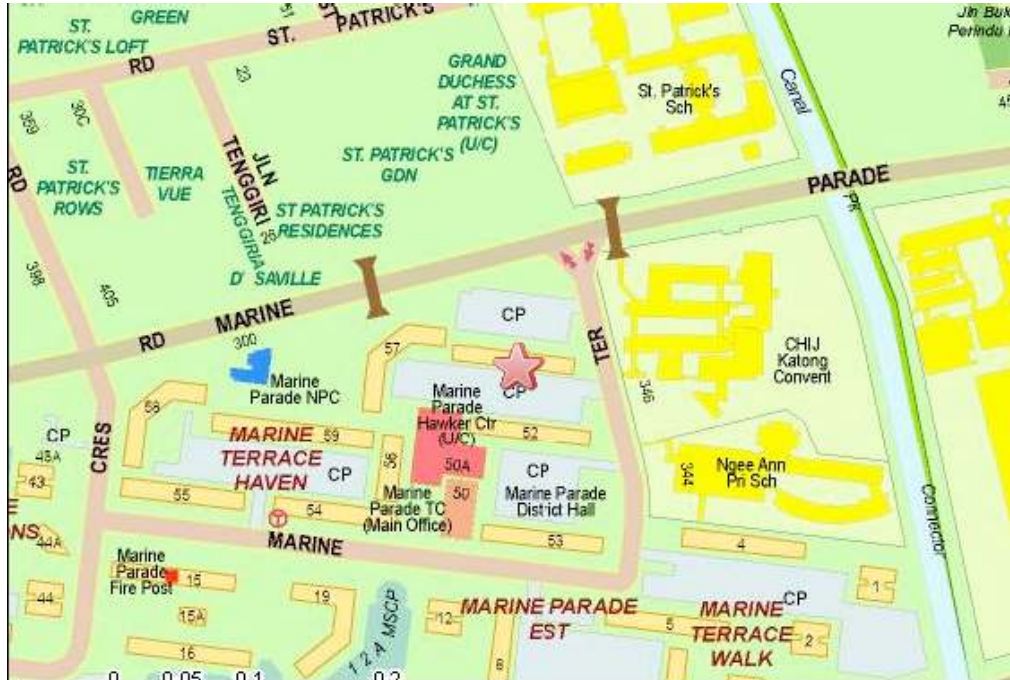
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For queries, please call 65 6226 2668 or write to design_competition@sia.org.sg.

APPENDIX

The objective of the competition is to unearth good ideas to benefit the Marine Terrace community and envision how the ground plan at blocks may be used.

THE SITE



Blk 51 Marine Terrace faces the main road of Marine Parade, and is situated 2 blocks away from Marine Parade Town Council, Marine Parade Hawker Centre and a central plaza. Existing facilities in the area include a Family Service Centre, barrier-free access features, void deck shops, playgrounds, reflexology spots, and community gardens at other blocks in the vicinity.

Blk 51 is a rental block, housing seniors, families and singles. Within the estate, there are residents who work within the estate as cleaners, helpers, amongst working parents and mothers. Retired residents congregate at chess areas during the day, or at the neighborhood shops. Community activities such as excursions, exercise groups, line dancing, taichi, active ageing and other social programmes are run by the Town Council & Family Service Centre.

In the future, there are plans to create a Senior Activity Centre at a section of the void deck. As such, to preserve space for void deck events such as weddings and funerals, the allotted area for the competition is at the lift landing and grass patch in front of the block facing the car park.



View from block onto Marine Parade Road & carpark



Lift Landing



Staircase near Lift Landing



Elderly folk resting at the Plaza area



Elderly men resting at chess area facing Plaza



Youths hanging out at the stage area



Bike racks & Foot reflexology path, railings and seating after upgrading

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

Factors to improve the residents' quality of life may include the following.

SAFETY | SECURITY | MAINTENANCE

- Roofing considerations to guard from killer litter
- Barrier-free access and safety aspects such as bollards, anti-skid foot paths
- Minimal administrative burden, easy to reinstate, easily replaceable parts
- Vandal-proof, all items locked at night
- Security concerns
- Ergonomics, wheelchair & elderly friendly

SOCIAL | COMMUNITY | INTERACTION

- Building social ties, bonding & connectedness
- Enhancing a sense of place for the neighborhood
- increasing community spirit, participation and self-help

ECONOMIC | ENTREPRENEURIAL

- Impact on neighborhood enterprises
- Unearth new opportunities in neighborhood

EDUCATIONAL | LEARNING

- Facilitating learning, life skills and progress
- Signage and features that educate people on the neighborhood, community services & facilities

HEALTH | AGEING | EMOTIONS

- Promoting active ageing, ageing-in-place
- Uplifting spirits and senses
- Leveraging on proximity to and atmosphere of the beach

ENVIRONMENT | GREEN

- Growing lifestyles
- Greening the landscape, community gardens
- Sustainability

