

Information about the speakers

Speaker Ms Kay Pungkothai

Vita Kay Pungkothai is currently the Director of Community Gardening, Skyrise Greenery and Projects at the National Parks Board (NParks) in Singapore.

She is part of a team that spearheads policy, incentive and capacity development of skyrise greenery initiatives for existing built developments in Singapore. In addition, she also oversees the community gardening portfolio where communities across Singapore from all walks of life, age and ethnic groups from public housing estates, private estates, educational institutions and organizations are encouraged to garden together to beautify their living spaces as part of a broader national vision to create a 'City in a Garden'. Many of these community gardeners actively use green roofs as a communal space for bonding, gardening and urban farms.

NParks is the lead government agency overseeing greenery and biodiversity conservation in land scarce Singapore. The agency manages over 350 urban parks, 4 nature reserves, extensive streetscape/roadside greenery, natureways and park connector network.

In 2009, NParks embarked actively on making greenery pervasive in the vertical dimension through a slew of initiatives ranging from incentive schemes, research, recognition activities and educational programmes. This collective effort has resulted in numerous impressive skyrise greenery installations island-wide exemplifying innovation and creativity in incorporating greenery in built environments. NParks has successfully galvanised the efforts of both the public and private sectors in greening the vertical dimension making Singapore a leader in this field with an impressive 72ha of skyrise greenery achieved to date.

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