

Information about the lecture

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Title	Growing Singapore's Green Canopy In The Sky
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Language	english
Content	<p>Singapore is no stranger to rooftop greenery and green walls (or what Singapore terms collectively as “Skyrise Greenery”). This multi-dimensional form of greening enhances the country’s “City in a Garden” vision and contributes to its unique tropical architectural landscape. Skyrise Greenery is not a new concept, but it is how such greenery elements are interwoven into our aesthetic facades and daily lives that challenge us to constantly re-think the usage of such spaces.</p> <p>Rooftop gardens no longer function only as heat buffers and recreational spaces but as therapeutic spaces for rehabilitation patients and even agricultural spaces. To date, Singapore has about 85 ha of skyrise greenery – a laudable achievement for a tiny nation that has limited land space and competing land uses. Over the years, Singapore has put in place several initiatives to ensure this growth of skyrise greenery coverage and the varied use of such elevated green spaces – including uses by our non-human friends!</p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of the initiatives in place in Singapore and the various new local projects that go beyond the aesthetic to make a difference to the users. This include national targets under the Singapore Sustainable Blueprint (SSB) to initiatives such as creating therapeutic gardens on rooftop spaces for eldercare facilities. Such initiatives need the support of the community to have a substantial effect. Hence the presentation will also inform audiences of the outreach activities that have been organised to create awareness and develop a culture of greening amongst the community.</p>