

NTU Singapore launches campus art trail



Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is launching a campus art trail that showcases more than 40 artworks from a range of genres such as installation art, sculptures, architecture, fine art, photography and new media.

The **NTU Campus Art Trail** guides visitors and members of the NTU community to the artworks found across the university, promoting awareness and appreciation for the arts and making art in NTU more accessible to the public.

NTU President Professor Subra Suresh launched the NTU Campus Art Trail today.

Prof Suresh said, "Art provides a strong foundation for human creativity and innovation. It is a powerful means of expression, communication and exploration of the human condition."

At the launch event, Prof Suresh also unveiled the **Campus Art Trail Map** and the **Campus Art Trail electronic book**. The 150-page full-colour e-book catalogues the various art pieces on the NTU campus and the artists who created them.

"The many artworks and creations are featured alongside our architectural landmarks and icons of sustainability such as The Hive, The Wave, The Arc and the School of Art Design and Media. They

add a unique character to our campus, recognised as one of the most beautiful in the world," said Prof Suresh.

Highlights of the NTU Campus Art Trail

A highlight in the NTU Campus Art Trail is **Media Art Nexus**, a media wall that is 15 metres long by 2 metres wide, featuring more than 400 artworks that plays 3,640 hours of original content per year. Located at the NTU campus, the Media Art Nexus provides a platform for the NTU community to exhibit new media digital art. The artwork was selected by the Singapore Tourism Board as one of the works at the 2017 edition of *Singapore Inside Out Tokyo*.

Other centrepieces of the NTU Campus Art Trail are *Bloom*, *Fern* and *Dandelion* which are examples of inter-disciplinary renewable energy artwork. These projects were conceptualised and developed by students, faculty and staff.

Dandelion is a seven-metre tall dandelion made of steel and powered by solar panels. It is NTU's first inter-disciplinary renewable energy artwork and it is found in the School of Art, Design and Media. Inspired by the lush greenery of NTU campus, **Fern** is created by students from the School of Art, Design and Media who worked together with Visiting Artist Fabrizio Galli, and the Energy Research Institute at NTU (ERI@N).

The sculpture resides at the Sky Deck at North Spine Plaza at the NTU main campus. Resembling a fern, it also functions as a bench providing shade and rest, while harvesting solar energy through photovoltaic panels to enable users to charge their electrical devices.

Located at the Novena Campus, **Bloom** has beautiful Chinese honeysuckle 'petals' closing and opening in a rhythmic motion, with accompanying LED vines that change colour according to the weather conditions on NTU's main campus.

(Refer to **Annex A** for the full list of artworks featured in the NTU Campus Art Trail and **Annex B** for synopses of selected highlights)

NTU Museum

The NTU Campus Art Trail is managed by the NTU Museum, which is listed in the National Heritage Board (Singapore)'s Approved Museum Scheme.

It operates with no physical site but everywhere and anywhere, to install art on campus.

There are more than 200 artworks by the NTU community, local and international artists, in the permanent and loan collections of the NTU Museum.

The NTU Museum gathers students, faculty and experts from different disciplines for opportunities for learning, exchange of ideas and co-creating works.

Successful collaborations have resulted that leverages multiple intersections between diverse fields of art, media and science and technology.

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