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THE NEW KIM PONG PARK

A new recreational area for the residents of Tiong Bahru estate



Aerial view of Kim Pong Park, Photo Credit: National Parks Board

The opening of the new 0.4-hectare Kim Pong Park provides residents of Tiong Bahru estate myriad recreational opportunities.

The park, with its bold and clean design, reflects the art-deco style of the old Tiong Bahru estate. In keeping with the art-deco style, terrazzo benches have been installed within the park. The layout of the wide paths, which form a circular motif, allows visitors to navigate easily through the park. To cater to the demographics of the estate, the park has space beside the benches to accommodate wheelchairs and prams.

The park features three zones. The first and largest of the three zones is an open field where residents can hold recreational or outdoor activities. The second zone, located in the middle, has garden swings for play and relaxation. The third activity zone features a pavilion with a stage which can be used for community events to forge stronger bonds among residents.
Kim Pong Park was developed in partnership with Keppel Land through NParks' registered charity and IPC, Garden City Fund. The development of the park is in line with Keppel Land's

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commitment to give back to the community. The park was designed by NParks in consultation with Seng Poh Residents' Committee to better cater to the needs of the community.

Mr Ng Ooi Hooi, President (Singapore), Keppel Land, said, "Keppel Land is proud to have contributed to the cherished heritage precinct of Tiong Bahru with quality homes at Highline Residences and the new Kim Pong Park. The park was developed with the purpose of creating a thoughtfully designed public space to serve as a catalyst for community engagement. This reflects Keppel Land's commitment to creating vibrant and sustainable communities wherever we operate."

<u>Flora to stimulate the senses</u>

Within Kim Pong Park, NParks has planted trees that produce beautiful pink and red blooms, as well as fragrant shrubs at each zone, adding vibrancy to the landscaping. Many of these tree species and shrubs attract birds, bees and butterflies, thereby enhancing the biodiversity in the area.

 Credit: Patricia Yap, NParks Flora Fauna Web  Credit: Tee Swee Ping, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Rain Tree (*Samanea saman*)** It is a medium-sized tree, usually growing up to 30 m tall in urban areas. Its crown is symmetrically umbrella-shaped and wide spreading, and the leaves have a curious habit of folding up at night or during rainy days when the sky is overcast. It produces flowers in dense powderpuff clusters with numerous filamentous stamens, pink above and white below, slightly fragrant and attractive to bees.
	Mexican Lilac (*Gliricidia sepium*)

 Credit: Tee Swee Ping, NParks Flora Fauna Web	A small- to medium-sized tree, it can grow between 2–15 m tall. Its bark is usually greyish-brown and surface is fissured. Its flowers are reddish-pink on an erect inflorescence along the branches and tends to fade to pale purple upon aging.
 Credit: Pauline Tay, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Kayu Arang, Kemutong, or Yellow Cow Wood (*Cratoxylum cochinchinense*)** A small-sized tree native to Singapore, it is usually 10m or shorter. Its bark is flaky and light buff to pale brownish-yellow. Its crown form is generally drooping, and the leaves are the preferred food for caterpillars of butterflies: the Archduke and the Common Grass Yellow. Its flowers are faintly fragrant and are between 1.3–2.5 cm wide, with deep crimson to pink or pinkish-yellow petals.



Credit: Ang Wee Fong, NParks Flora Fauna Web



Credit: Lois Yong, NParks Flora Fauna Web



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Pink Mempat (*Cratoxylum formosum*)

A native, medium sized tree, reaching heights of between 10–18m. Its bark is grey and scaly. The plant is easy to spot when its crown is covered with light pink flowers amidst the new foliage. Its faintly fragrant flowers are 1.3–2.5 cm wide, with light pink petals. They are found in clusters of 1 to 6, in axils of fallen leaves or on bare twigs. It is the preferred local food plant for caterpillars of the Archduke.

The founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew planted this species in 1963, launching the first islandwide tree-planting campaign.

 Credit: Ang Wee Fong, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Derum Bukit *(Cratoxylum maingayi)*** A native, deciduous tree with small stature, growing up to 10m tall. Its flowers develop singly and are arranged in opposites on leaf axils. They also have pale pink or white petals. Other than the ornamental pink blossoms, this tree also has reddish new leaves.
 Credit: Boo Chih Min, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Mock Lime or Orange Jasmine (*Murraya paniculata*)** A fine-textured medium sized-shrub with evergreen leaves. Its flowers are white and flower all year round. The flowers produce a pleasant fragrance. Its fruit is red, oval, fleshy and measures about 1–3 cm long, and attracts birds.
 Credit: Jennie Tang, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Chinese Perfume Plant or Mock Lime (*Aglaia odorata*)** A large shrub with highly branched crown able to grow up to about 20–30m tall. Its flowers are yellow and fragrant. The 2mm wide flowers are arranged in an inflorescence known as a thyrse. The inflorescence is located in the leaf axils and is a butterfly-attracting plant.

 Credit: Lim Yaohui, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Wild tea, or Teh Kampong (*Acalypha siamensis*)** This shrub is able to grow up to 2.5m tall. The leaves have short leaf stalks, are serrated along the margins, elliptic to obovate in shape, and alternately arranged. Female flowers emerge at the base of the spikes, supported beneath by large bracts with toothed margins while male flowers are supported beneath by minute bracts toward the end of the spike. Its fruit is green and spiny.
 Credit: Boo Chih Min, NParks Flora Fauna Web	**Dwarf Sea Hibiscus (*Talipariti tiliaceum* 'Dwarf')** An evergreen shrub with ornamental flowers which emerge yellow/golden in the morning and mature into red in the afternoon.

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