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## AWARD WINNING GARDENS CELEBRATE AT EXPO 2016 ANTALYA

The garden of the People's Republic of China won the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) prize at the A1 International Horticultural Exhibition that closed this week in Turkey.

Congratulating China, the Chairman of the International Honorary Jury and Secretary General of AIPH, Tim Briercliffe said: "This amazing garden, covering 3,000 square metres, incorporates a traditional Chinese garden design, with beautifully built pavilions and plant displays. It has included numerous art and floral exhibitions and has been maintained perfectly, even throughout the high temperatures of the Antalya summer. The garden is a gift of horticulture to demonstrate the strength of relationship between China and Turkey and gives an exciting glimpse of what we may expect from the next A1 Expo which will be in Beijing in 2019."

Along with China, other country gardens were also awarded Gold by the Turkish Minister of Agriculture, Faruk Celik, and these were Germany, Qatar, Azerbaijan, Thailand and Korea. The international jury noted that these gardens successfully demonstrated the importance of plants, high quality garden design, the Expo theme of 'Flowers and Children – a green life for future generations', and paid attention to ensuring the visitors enjoyed their experience.

The Domestic Garden competition was won by Istanbul and the Antalya municipality gardens competition was won by Konyaalti Municipality.

Additional Special Awards were given by the Expo including an 'Innovation Award' for the AIPH/OAiB 'Green Oasis' garden, designed by Nilufer Danis and the Korea Garden won the AIPH Green City Award.

Chairman of the AIPH Marketing and Exhibitions Committee and Jury Member, Kevin Chung said: "For A1 Expos the International Jury meets three times throughout the six months and with this Expo the gardens just got better and better throughout the six months. With over 50 countries participating in this Expo those that achieved awards can rightly be very proud."

For the full list of award winners visit [http://aiph.org/aiph\\_new/award-winning-gardens-celebrate-at-expo-2016-antalya/](http://aiph.org/aiph_new/award-winning-gardens-celebrate-at-expo-2016-antalya/)

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