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SHANGHAI GARDEN WINS AIPH PRIZE AT TANGSHAN EXPO

The garden designed, built and maintained by the Chinese city of Shanghai has won the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) prize for the best garden at the AIPH-approved Tangshan International Horticultural Exposition 2016 in China.

The Prize was presented during the Closing Ceremony of this major Expo which has attracted over five million visitors over the last six months.

Chairman of the International Honorary Jury and Secretary General of AIPH, Tim Briercliffe, commented on the winning garden saying: "The Shanghai Garden stood out from all the 30 gardens at the Expo. Its brilliant design provided different perspectives at different heights and made use of water, plants and well-chosen landscaping materials to show how it is possible to create a beautiful oasis in the middle of a city. In addition, the plants selected were perfect and the maintenance throughout the Expo was outstanding. All the jury were unanimous in identifying this garden as the winner."

Other gardens to be recognised by the jury included:

1. EXPO 2016 Tangshan Organising Committee Award:

South Korea Garden
Shanghai Garden
Hangzhou Garden

2. EXPO 2016 Tangshan Garden Grand Award:

Hungary Garden
Sweden Garden
Beijing Garden
Xiamen Garden
Wuhan Garden
Suzhou Garden

3. EXPO 2016 Tangshan Garden Gold Award:

Netherlands Garden
Japan Garden
Germany Garden
Kunming Garden
Changzhou Garden

Chongqing Garden
Haixizhou Garden
Guangzhou Garden
Hohhot Garden

4. EXPO 2016 Tangshan Garden Silver Award:

France Garden
UK Garden
US Garden
Italy Garden
Tianjin Garden
Zhangzhou Garden
Qingdao Garden
Xi'an Garden
Shenyang Garden
Macau Garden
Hong Kong Garden
Taiwan Garden

The competition was managed, organised and implemented by the China Flower Association. The trophy was presented on 16 October during the Closing Ceremony of the Expo by AIPH Vice President, Professor Zhang Qixiang.

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For further details visit www.aiph.org

Tangshan International Horticultural Exposition 2016, an A2/B1 category Expo, attracted many millions of visitors over its six-month opening. It covered an area of 2260 ha, including a core area of 540 ha and an experiencing area of 1720 ha in the South Lake Ecological Park, which was built on the site of a former mining area. Close to the city, the Expo has transformed this derelict lake-side landscape into a beautiful exhibition that will benefit the citizens of Tangshan for generations.

The Expo opened during an important anniversary year for the city. Forty years ago the city was hit by a huge earthquake claiming the lives of over 240,000 citizens. To mark this

anniversary the city decided to re-define its focus. The theme of the Expo was 'City and Nature - Phoenix Nirvana' and the city is now concentrated on being a 'Green City' with a bright new 'living green' landscape for the future citizens of Tangshan.

For further details visit <http://www.tangshanexpo2016.com/english/>