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Dear Sir/Madam

## **LAUNCH OF THE BCA UNIVERSAL DESIGN (UD) MARK SCHEME FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

### **Objective**

This circular is to inform the industry on the new Universal Design (UD) Mark scheme for Parks and Public Spaces.

### **Background**

2 The UD Mark certification scheme was launched in 2012 to accord recognition to stakeholders who make the effort to incorporate UD in New Non-Residential, New Residential and Refurbished Non-Residential developments. In order to raise the level of inclusiveness in the design of our landscape spaces in Singapore and cater for the widest spectrum of users of all ages and abilities to enjoy, BCA will extend its UD Mark certification to Parks and Public Spaces. This UD Mark scheme for Parks and Public Spaces was developed jointly by BCA and National Parks Board, and has the flexibility to be applied to a great range of landscape settings, from nature reserves to neighbourhood parks.

3 The UD Mark scheme for Parks and Public Spaces will apply for existing and new developments.

### **Assessment and application**

4 Interested parties have to submit an application form to BCA to participate in the UD Mark scheme. The assessment process include:-

- a) preliminary meeting with BCA assessment team for clarifications on the request for relevant documentation;

- b) actual assessment involving design and documentary reviews;
- c) site verification by BCA assessment team.

5 The scheme allows assessment of projects at design stage with the provision of criteria checklists, hence, facilitating the incorporation of UD principles from the onset of project development. A completed development will be awarded a display plaque, indicating one of the four UD Mark ratings: Certified, Gold, Gold<sup>PLUS</sup> or Platinum. For on-going (uncompleted) developments, UD Mark ratings will be determined based on design and indicated as Certified (Design), Gold (Design) or Gold<sup>PLUS</sup> (Design).

6 There is no restriction on the number of entries that each individual, firm or team can submit and the application is open all year round.

7 We therefore strongly encourage all developers, architects and landscape architects involved in creating an inclusive built-environment to participate in the scheme.

8 Details on the assessment and application process can be found in our website at <http://www.bca.gov.sg/friendlybuilding>. For clarifications, please contact Ms Joan Mok or Ms Joyce Tung at 6804 4762, or email: [bca\\_ud@bca.gov.sg](mailto:bca_ud@bca.gov.sg).

Yours faithfully



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