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## **BCA UNIVERSAL DESIGN (UD) MARK CALL FOR SUBMISSION**

### **Background**

This year marks our 6<sup>th</sup> year of **BCA Universal Design (UD) Mark**, which is a voluntary certification scheme introduced in October 2012 to accord recognition to developments and stakeholders that adopt a user-centric philosophy in their design, operations and maintenance. It also aims to raise greater public awareness towards user-friendly buildings.

2 The scheme allows project parties to assess their projects at design stage, facilitating the incorporation of UD principles from the onset of project development. A built 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 developments, UD Mark ratings will be determined based on their design and indicated as Certified (Design), Gold (Design), or Gold<sup>PLUS</sup> (Design).

3 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.

4 We therefore strongly encourage all developers, building owners, qualified persons and designers involved in creating an inclusive built environment to participate in the scheme.

### **Assessment and application**

5 Interested parties would have to submit an application form to BCA to register their interest in participating in the UD Mark scheme by 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The assessment process would include:-

- (a) Preliminary meeting with the 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.

6 The scheme is currently opened to the following categories:-

- (a) **New non-residential developments** – this would include commercial (offices, hotels, retail malls), industrial, institutional, infrastructural and mixed use developments;
- (b) **Refurbished non-residential developments;**
- (c) **New residential developments** – this would include public and private residential developments.
- (d) **Parks and public spaces** – this would include new or existing parks and public spaces developments.

7 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 Christina Seet at 6804 4275, or email: [bca\\_ud@bca.gov.sg](mailto:bca_ud@bca.gov.sg).

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