

Sabah International Landscape Architecture Exchange

SLEX 2025 Sabah Landscape Exchange



6 November 2025
8:00am -12:30pm



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Registration

7:00am > 8:15am Registration



Opening Block

8:15am > 9:30am

Video Showcase: My Nature-based Solutions

Breakfast Talk: Blue-Green Integration

with LAr. Syamim Azhari (ILAM) and Paul Chan (IFLA Asia Pacific)

An engaging morning dialogue on the importance of Nature-based Solutions (NBS) and Blue-Green Infrastructure in urban areas. The session highlights how landscape architecture plays a vital role in building climate-resilient cities by integrating water and green systems, safeguarding natural heritage, restoring ecological balance, and enhancing the overall quality of urban living.



Sabah Landscape Architecture Festival SLAF 2025 Opening Ceremony

9:30am > 10:30am Opening Ceremony

- Arrival of VVIP
- Doa Recital & Anthems
- Opening Performances
- SLAF 2025 Opening Speech & Video Presentation
- Photography Session
- Refreshment



LAr. Syamim Azhari (ILAM)



Paul Chan (IFLA Asia Pacific)



SLEX Share 1

10:45am > 11:15am

Designing with the Sea:

Nature-based Innovation at Sisters' Islands, Singapore

Bangera Pooja / Stephen Caffyn Landscape Design / Singapore

This talk showcases the visionary landscape architecture approach behind Singapore's Sisters' Islands Marine Park — where designers integrated nature-based solutions to restore coral reefs, support marine biodiversity, and reconnect people to the sea. From floating boardwalks that double as coral habitats, to coral nurseries and protected lagoon ecosystems, the design elegantly fuses ecological resilience with education and public engagement. These interventions not only enhance climate adaptation in a coastal context but also protect the natural heritage and living marine landscapes for future generations.



Bangera Pooja
Stephen Caffyn
Landscape Design
Singapore



Island & Coastal Protection



SLEX Share 2

11:15am > 11:45am

Harbouring Resilience:

Nature-based Masterplanning at Puteri Harbour Waterfront

LAr. Tammy Wong / Malaysia

We explore how landscape architects transformed the Puteri Harbour waterfront into a living demonstration of nature-based solutions, climate adaptation, and coastal protection. Through strategies such as green buffers, mangrove and wetland interfaces, permeable shore edges, and ecologically informed planting, the masterplan weaves resilience into the urban waterfront. The design not only mitigates storm surges, sea level rise, and erosion, but also enhances biodiversity corridors, microclimate regulation, and public connectivity to nature.



LAr. Tammy Wong
Malaysia



Urban Waterfront Resilience

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Blue-Green Connections: From City Parks to Island Shores

Thaniya Kammak / AT9 Design Studio / Malaysia

This session explores the interconnected relationship between urban parks, nature reserves, and island gateways as part of a blue-green network that strengthens climate resilience and community well-being. Featuring real-life projects in Sabah such as Kiulu River Organic Farm and Mantanani Island Resort, the talk highlights how Nature-based Solutions (NBS) integrate water and landscape systems to restore ecological balance, mitigate climate impacts, and reconnect people with nature — from the heart of the city to the edge of the sea.



SLEX Share 4

12:15pm > 12:45pm

The Sponge Park: Nature's Answer to Urban Flooding

Wu Hao / WADI / China

Learn how parks can function as powerful tools to mitigate floods, retain stormwater, and cleanse runoff naturally while enriching local biodiversity. This session explores the design principles behind sponge parks — where landscape architecture transforms water management into a living ecosystem that filters, stores, and sustains clean water through natural processes.



Closing Block

12:45pm > 1:15pm

Insight Exchange: The Way Forward

Hosted by LAr. Syamim Azhari (ILAM)

In this concluding session, all speakers and panelists gather for a short idea exchange to reflect on the key insights shared throughout the day. The discussion will summarise the main takeaways on landscape architecture, Nature-based Solutions (NBS), and climate resilience, while exploring how these ideas can guide Sabah's sustainable future.



1:15pm

Lunch

End of SLEX 2025

