

FACTSHEET ON GREEN THUMBS 2006

The Green Thumbs 2006 is the Landscape Skills Contest organized for the landscape workers in Singapore. It aims to showcase the abilities and skills sets of the landscape workers.

The Green Thumbs 2006 will be an opportunity for the landscape workers to demonstrate their skills, acquired from skills training and on-the-job. Contestants are sourced from Landscape Companies.

The objectives of Green Thumbs 2006 are as follows:

- It recognises the efforts of the landscape industry workers, for their contributions to developing and enhancing Singapore's brand as a premier Garden City.
- It is an opportunity for the industry workers to showcase their skills and abilities. The competitive setting would also allow the recognition of the workers as individuals with a level of skills that follow industry standards.
- It seeks to uplift the image of the industry and workers through the proper use of equipments and demonstration of skills displayed.

There would be 2 main categories for the contest - individual and team. The detailed judging criteria are attached in Annex A.

Under the individual category, the participants will be tested on three skills demonstration. The skills to be tested are as follows:

- Maintain Plants
 - Wearing correct attire/ protective gears and using correct tools
 - Inspect plant for abnormalities and remove dead/ damaged plant parts
 - Remove weeds from planted areas and apply mulch after weeding
 - Pruning a hedge to desired height with straight side edges
 - Fertilising and water plants
 - Applying mulch to plants
 - Housekeeping of tools/ equipments
- Planting of Plants
 - Preparing work site
 - Excavating soil
 - Planting of plants
 - Fertilising and water plants
 - Applying mulch to plants
 - Housekeeping of tools/ equipments
- Turfing and Maintenance

- Preparing work site
- Fill depression
- Turfing with grass
- Topdressing of turf if necessary
- Housekeeping of tools/ equipments

Under the team category, the participants will be tested on both landscape/ horticulture knowledge and skills demonstration as follows:

Knowledge:

- 20 MCQ questions on plants names (common and scientific) & knowledge

Skills Demonstration:

Skills Event: Building a landscape garden.

Each team will have a worksite of 6m by 6 as well as enough space for tools and equipment. Each team has to prepare a site as per design brief. They will be evaluated on the following:

- Ability to prepare a site – cordoning the area, leveling of the site, laying soil and topsoil etc)
- Ability to follow design
- Landscape installation – turfing, planting, irrigation, lighting, paving etc
- Display of teamwork
- Speed
- General aesthetics