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TOP ACCOLADES AWARDED TO FLORAL DESIGNERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL FDSS CUP FLORAL DESIGNING COMPETITION AT SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL 2026



Ms Sun Xueling, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Transport, presented the First Place award in the Professional Category of the 14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition to Mr Seobin Jeong from the Republic of Korea

Singapore, 8 July 2026 – Seobin Jeong from the Republic of Korea took the First Place at the 14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition, while Duc Thuan Bi from Australia and Florence Ling from Hong Kong secured second and third place respectively. Organised by the Floral Designers Society (Singapore) (FDSS), this year's competition also marks a significant milestone of 20 years of collaboration with Singapore Garden Festival (SGF).

Ms Sun Xueling, Senior Minister of State for National Development & Transport, presented the awards to the winners at the prize presentation ceremony this evening.

Renowned for its dedication to advancing floral education and excellence, FDSS continues to champion the artistry and professionalism of the craft. This year's competition theme centres on "*The Elements of Design*", with each competition segment thoughtfully curated to showcase and celebrate the fundamental elements that define exceptional floral artistry.

The competition saw a total of 33 designers from 13 countries and regions competing in both the Amateur and Professional categories. The competition was judged by local and international floral designers.



Floral designers put their creativity and technical skills to the test at the 14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition.

The competition for the Amateur Category took place on 4 July 2026, while the Professional Category took place on 8 July 2026.

The Amateur Category consisted of two tasks: the first was a free-standing display themed "**Texture Talks**" for designers to flaunt their innovative and expressive use of texture in floral design, and the second was a surprise challenge requiring designers to create a hand-tied bouquet that demonstrated space.

The Professional Category consisted of three tasks. The first was a free-standing display themed “**Lines of Beauty**”, which challenged designers to express their creativity through the use of lines to convey rhythm, flow, and harmony within floral art. In the second task, designers crafted a hand-tied bouquet themed “**Dynamism in Contrast**”. The design was anchored on a pre-done armature, offering stillness and form, while allowing the floral composition to spring to life with rhythm and vitality. The final task was a surprise challenge themed “**Balance**”. Designers were tasked with creating a hanging floral arrangement using materials including preserved flowers and clothes hangers. The challenge tested their creativity, technical skills and ability to achieve visual balance through an unconventional design.

The competition pieces will be showcased at SGF until 12 July 2026. Visitors can purchase tickets to SGF 2026 via <https://sgf.nparks.gov.sg/tickets/>.

Taking First Place in the Amateur Category is Ms Jieun Jo from the Republic of Korea.

“I’m truly honoured to receive the First Place in the Amateur Category. This is my first time visiting Singapore, and competing on an international stage alongside so many talented floral designers has been an unforgettable experience. I’m deeply grateful to my teachers and family for their support and encouragement, which made it possible for me to pursue this opportunity and compete here. Winning this award has given me even greater confidence to continue pursuing my passion and developing my skills in floral design,” said Ms Jieun Jo, a 21-year-old student majoring in Design and Horticulture at Sahmyook University in the Republic of Korea.



A free-standing floral display and a hand-tied bouquet by Ms Jieun Jo. She was awarded First Place in the Amateur Category at the 14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition

Taking First Place in the Professional Category is Mr Seobin Jeong from the Republic of Korea who expressed his creative vision through a series of evocative floral pieces.



Mr Seobin Jeong undertook the final surprise challenge themed "Balance", creating a hanging floral arrangement using a selection of materials including preserved flowers and clothes hangers. Seobin came in First Place at the 14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition

“This was my first international competition, so I’m incredibly honoured and happy to have achieved this result. Although I was nervous leading up to the competition, I reminded myself to simply do my best and enjoy the experience. My journey with flowers started through my mother, who runs a flower shop, and her passion for floristry inspired me to pursue this path. This award motivates me to continue learning and growing as a floral designer,” said Mr Seobin Jeong, a 21-year-old who is majoring in landscape architecture at Shingu College in the Republic of Korea.

Results

Designers were judged based on their interpretation of the theme, originality, creativity to the overall design, and colour aesthetics choices and techniques used in the execution.

Amateur Category	
1st Place	Jieun Jo, Republic of Korea
2nd Place	Evan Tsoi, Hong Kong
3rd Place	Li Yiran, China
Merit Awards (in no particular order)	Pang Tsi Chia @ Jia Jia, Malaysia Lao Man Wai, Macau Maria Angelina Ratnadewi, Indonesia
People’s Choice Award	Ngau Kit Ying Karen, Hong Kong

Professional Category	
1st Place	Seobin Jeong, Republic of Korea
2nd Place	Duc Thuan Bui, Australia
3rd Place	Florence Ling, Hong Kong
Merit Awards (in no particular order)	Cao Xue, China Tsui Siu Fong Tracy, Hong Kong Wu Ji Fu, Taiwan
People’s Choice Award	Tsui Siu Fong Tracy, Hong Kong

List of Designers

No	Amateur Category
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	Name	Country / Region
1	Dolores Emylia	Malaysia
2	Evan Isoi	Hong Kong
3	Gendis Primon	Indonesia
4	Jieun Jo	Republic of Korea
5	Kelin Yue	United Kingdom
6	Kelvin Seow	Singapore
7	Kim Baillie	Australia
8	Lao Man Wai	Macau
9	Li Yiran	China
10	Liu Wing Chi, Estella	Hong Kong
11	Maria Angelina Ratnadewi	Indonesia
12	Mariko Tudor	Japan
13	Mildred Christina Liu Poh Choo	Malaysia
14	Nansi Tjahjadi	Indonesia
15	Ngau Kit Ying	Hong Kong
16	Pang Tsi Chia @ Jia Jia	Malaysia
17	Toh Jing Xuan Desmond	Singapore
18	Xiao Qin	China

No	Professional Category	
	Name	Country / Region
1	Cao Xue	China
2	Chen Nina	Singapore
3	Denmy Lam	Singapore
4	Duc Thuan Bui	Australia
5	Florence Ling	Hong Kong
6	Jacqueline Wong	Malaysia
7	Lina Loka	Indonesia
8	Muhammad Iqbal Aditya Nuryasin	Indonesia
9	Seobin Jeong	Republic of Korea
10	Tan Zie Zou Jessica	Singapore
11	Tran Thi Phuong Nhien	Vietnam
12	Tseng Ying Hsiu	Taiwan
13	Tsui Siu Fong	Hong Kong
14	Tulip Yip Siu Hong	Hong Kong
15	Wu Ji Fu	Taiwan

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Notes to the Editor

About Singapore Garden Festival

The Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) is a biennial event, positioned to be amongst the top flower and garden shows on the international calendar. SGF is the first show to bring together top international award-winning landscape and garden designers, florists and horticulturists from around the world who are invited to the Festival to work alongside Singapore's own talented horticulturists.

Singapore's strategic location makes the Festival an ideal platform to showcase horticultural products and services from various regions.

For more information on SGF, visit sgf.nparks.gov.sg, www.facebook.com/SGGardenFest and <https://www.instagram.com/sggardenfest/>

About National Parks Board (NParks)

The National Parks Board (NParks) is Singapore's lead agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare, and management.

NParks manages parks, nature reserves, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Pulau Ubin and Sisters' Islands Marine Park, as well as the island-wide network of Nature Ways and Park Connectors. We also manage millions of trees across roads, parks and state land.

Our urban biodiversity conservation model guides efforts to protect key ecosystems and strengthen biodiversity in our land-scarce city. The Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS), a cluster within NParks, is the main touchpoint for animal-related issues and works to uphold high standards of animal health and welfare in Singapore.

We work closely with the community and partners across the landscape, horticulture, veterinary and animal sectors to enhance our living environment, build industry capabilities, and achieve Singapore's City in Nature vision.

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About Gardens by the Bay

An integral part of Singapore's "City in Nature" vision, Gardens by the Bay is a national garden and premier horticultural attraction that showcases the best of garden and floral artistry for all to enjoy. Spanning 101 hectares in the heart of Singapore's downtown Marina Bay, it comprises three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central. Bay South, the largest at 54 hectares, officially opened on 29 June 2012.

Guided by the vision to be a world of gardens for all to own, enjoy and cherish, the Gardens' extensive plant collection, ever-changing floral displays, and myriad of engaging programmes have captured the imagination of many, while its Gift of Gardens community initiative, with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore as Patron, reaches out to people from all walks of life.

Since opening, Gardens by the Bay has welcomed more than 115 million visitors and garnered numerous international accolades including the eighth top attraction in the world in Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Best of the Best 2024, Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2024, Best Theme Attraction at TTG Travel Awards 2022 and 2023, and Best Attraction Experience at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019. The Gardens continues to refresh and refine its offerings, to be a place that everyone can enjoy – a garden where wonder blooms.

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