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### **Singapore Unveils *Dendrobium Andrew Parsons* in Honour of International Paralympic Committee President**

The Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC), together with the National Parks Board (NParks), officially unveiled a new orchid hybrid – *Dendrobium Andrew Parsons* – in honour of Mr. Andrew Parsons, President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), at a ceremony held today at the National Orchid Garden.

The ceremony was graced by Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs, together with Ms Huang Yu-Ning, Chief Executive Officer of NParks, Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang, President of the SNPC, alongside senior representatives from SNPC and members of the sporting fraternity.

Mr Parsons has been at the helm of the IPC since 8 September 2017, when he was first elected at the 18th IPC General Assembly in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. He was subsequently re-elected for a second term in 2021. Over the years, Mr Parsons has been instrumental in advocating and advancing the global Paralympic Movement, strengthening inclusion, and amplifying the voices of para athletes worldwide.

#### **About *Dendrobium Andrew Parsons***

This tall and majestic hybrid produces upright to gently arching inflorescences 60 to 70 cm in length, each bearing up to 34 mildly scented, well-arranged flowers, 6 to 7 cm across. The gracefully curled petals form a distinctive victory-like gesture, symbolic of triumph and resilience, echoing the spirit of the athletic excellence. The sepals and petals are chartreuse with golden tones, while the lip is vivid mauve and delicately veined in deep purple.

This orchid is named after Mr Andrew Parsons, President of The International Paralympic Committee, on the occasion of his visit to the National Orchid Garden on 19 September 2025.

#### **Quote from Mr Andrew Parsons**

"I am deeply honoured by this recognition from Singapore, a nation that has consistently championed inclusivity and celebrated the achievements of para athletes. The orchid, with its beauty and symbolism of resilience, reflects the very values of the Paralympic Movement. I am humbled to have my name associated with such a meaningful tribute."



The unveiling of *Dendrobium Andrew Parsons* reaffirms Singapore's commitment to the Paralympic ideals of courage, determination, inspiration, and equality, while celebrating leaders who have made an indelible mark on the global disability sporting landscape.

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### **About Singapore National Paralympic Council**

Founded in 2008, the Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC) is an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) and a registered charity responsible for selecting and leading Team Singapore's para-athletes at major international Games, including the Paralympic Games, Asian Para Games, and ASEAN Para Games.

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### **About National Parks Board**

The National Parks Board (NParks) is responsible for enhancing and managing the urban ecosystems of our City in Nature. We are the lead agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare and management. We also work closely with the community to enhance the quality of our living environment.

NParks manages parks, nature reserves, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Pulau Ubin and the Sisters' Islands Marine Park. Adding to this is the extensive network of Nature Ways, and Park Connector Network that links major parks, nature areas and residential estates island-wide. NParks also manages millions of trees, including those along roads and in our parks, gardens and state land.

NParks has developed an urban biodiversity conservation model, which aims to conserve representative ecosystems in land-scarce Singapore. NParks also monitors and coordinates measures to enhance the presence of biodiversity in our urban landscape.

The Animal & Veterinary Service, a cluster within NParks, is the main touch-point for animal-related issues, as well as the first responder for animal-related feedback. By improving the standards of the animal and veterinary sectors, we aim to safeguard animal health and welfare in Singapore.

NParks is working closely with partners in the landscape, horticulture, veterinary and animal sectors to increase productivity, and provide training for all levels of the workforce. Enhancing competencies of the industry will support Singapore's vision of being a City in Nature.

For more information, visit [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg) and [www.facebook.com/nparksbuzz](https://www.facebook.com/nparksbuzz)

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