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Yishun hospital wins gold for creative design

Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH), one of CPG Consultants' projects, has been reported in The Straits Times to have won a design award for its creative design innovations.

In several places, KTPH does not look like a hospital: it has a large pond in its backyard, a roof garden that is a veritable farm and, bright and airy rooms that keep the heat of the sun out at the same time. It was these and other thoughtful touches which cater to people with mobility issues, hospital workers and visitors that won the hospital the only gold awarded at this year's Universal Design Awards organised by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA).

BCA deputy director Goh Siam Imm commented that the hospital did well because it integrated its design with specific needs of its patients, hospital staff and visitors, citing the example that hospital staff moving from place to place will not clash with visitors finding their way from entrances to wards. The judges also took into account design aspects such as safety, connectivity between buildings, accessibility and user-friendliness, placing greater weight on the latter two. For example, most doors at KTPH are sliding ones because the designers realised that patients may not have the strength to operate door handles or door knobs.

The news article "Yishun hospital wins gold for creative design" also highlights that of the 33 projects entered into the competition, a dozen won silver and bronze awards, including the Marina Barrage and four HDB estates in Kallang, Strathmore, Dover and Bishan.

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